

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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Curriculum Objection Form

A parent/guardian who believes that any curriculum, instructional materials, or programs violate rights guaranteed by any law or Board Policy may complete and submit this Curriculum Objection Form to the Director of Teaching and Learning for such objection to be considered.

As outlined in Board Policy 6:260, objections to curriculum, instructional materials, or programs may be based on one of the "opt-out" provisions within the School Code or a student's right to the free exercise of religion as provided by the First Amendment to the Constitution. Parents/guardians who are seeking an exemption based on an "opt-out" provision should complete Parts I and II of this Form. Parents/guardians seeking an objection in accordance with the right to the free exercise of religious belief should complete Parts I and III.

Parents/guardians should submit this form to the Director of Teaching and Learning. Upon review of the form, a determination will be made about the request for exemption from the instructional material or program which is the basis of the objection.

If the parent/guardian is not satisfied with the decision of the Director of Teaching and Learning, then the parent/guardian may file a grievance under the District's "Uniform Grievance Procedure," Board Policy 2-260.

Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Student Name: _____ **ID#** _____

Course Name/Number: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Part I. Instructional Material in Question: Please state, as precisely as possible, the specific curriculum area, instructional material, lesson or program to which you object (include where applicable title/author/publisher of instructional material, unit of study, lesson).

Have you read the material in question (*check one*)?

___ yes ___ no

Part II. Illinois School Code Objections. The Illinois School Code permits parents to object to curriculum and instructional materials under the following exemptions. If the objection to the instructional material described in Part I above fits into one of these provisions, please indicate by checking below.

_____ Dissection of Animals, 105 ILCS 112/1 et seq.*

_____ Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety Education and Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, 105 ILCS 5/27-9.1a (d)

_____ Family Life Instruction, 105 ILCS 110/3

_____ Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disability Confidentiality Act (740 ILCS 110/1 et seq.)

_____ Recognizing and Avoiding Sexual Abuse, 105 ILCS 5/27-13.2 (K-8 only)

_____ Instruction related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), 105 ILCS 110/3

_____ Instruction on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), 105 ILCS 110/3

_____ Organ/tissue and blood donation, 105 ILCS 5/27-23.5

_____ Lockdown drills, 105 ILCS 128/20**

*Students who are granted an exemption based on the “opt-out” related to the dissection of animals may be required to complete an alternative project. Such alternative project/assignment will be of similar length and difficulty. Students who complete the alternative project/assignment will be graded in a manner similar to students using the original material.

**Students who are granted exemptions from participation in lockdown drills will be provided with an alternative curriculum to address safety concerns related to active threat or active shooter events.

Part III. Objections Based on Religious Grounds

If your objection to curriculum or instructional material is based upon your religious beliefs, please state the specific belief that forms the basis of your request for exemption and how the specific curriculum area, instructional material, or program places a burden on your religious beliefs:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

For District Use Only:

Reviewed by _____

Exemption: ____ GRANTED ____ DENIED (check one)

Date of determination: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Date of Teacher Notification: _____