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PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL

The Board recognizes that there may be specific course materials which some parents/guardians find objectionable.

Parents and legal guardians shall be notified by e-mail, other written means, website/social media posting, or phone call not less than two (2) weeks in advance of use of the curriculum course material to be used for instruction of human sexuality or human sexual education, that the material is available for inspection at the school. The notice will identify and provide contact information for the member of staff or faculty a parent or guardian should contact to arrange an opportunity to inspect the curriculum course material.

In the event a parent/guardian finds specific course material objectionable, the parent/guardian may notify the building principal of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive alternative curriculum, sufficient to enable the child to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject area. This notification and request shall be in writing.

The building principal and the parent must mutually agree to the alternative curriculum. The alternative curriculum agreed upon must meet state minimum standards.

School district staff will make reasonable efforts, within the scope of existing time, schedules, resources and other duties, to accommodate alternative curriculum for the student. Alternative curriculum may be provided by the school, through approved independent study, or through other method agreed to by the parent/guardian and the building principal. Any cost associated with the alternative curriculum shall be borne by the parent.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as giving parents/guardians the right to appeal to the school board.

Parents who wish for particular curriculum material be reviewed for appropriateness may submit a request for review in accordance with Board Policy KEC.

Legal References:

RSA 186:11, IX-c, State Board of Education; Duties.