

Texas State Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice

Please take notice that pursuant to Texas Education Code §§ 26.010 and 38.001(c)(1)(B) and 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h), my child is to be excused and exempted for the current school year from the following school instruction and/or activities as indicated by the check marks below.

☐ Exemption from Instruction/Engagement – Pursuant to Section 26.010(a), this shall serve as written notice that, due to personal religious and moral beliefs, my child is to be temporarily removed from a class or other school activity as follows: ☐ Clubs, programs or instruction dealing with sexuality, gender, sexual orientation.

☐ Videos/discussion regarding any violence including school shootings

☐ _____

☐ Immunization – Pursuant to Texas Education Code 38.001(c)(1)(B), this shall serve as written notice that I decline to give my child immunizations for reasons of conscience, including religious belief.

☐ Ideological Survey and Indoctrination – This serves as written notice that without prior written consent, my child shall not be subjected to planned, systematic use of methods or techniques that are designed to inquire about or affect my child's behavioral, emotional, or attitudinal characteristics. This includes but is not limited to "social emotional learning," "anti-racist" pedagogy, and "critical theory" related methods, techniques, and/or curriculum.

☐ Psychological Testing and Treatment – This serves as written notice that my child shall not be subject to or referred for psychiatric, or psychological examination, testing, or treatment as defined in 34 CFR § 98.4(c) without my prior written consent. Any action by the school shall comply with Texas Education Code § 38.016.

☐ Medical Testing and Treatment – This serves as written notice that my child shall not receive non-emergency medical care, other than first aid, without my prior written consent.

☐ Private Information – Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h), absent my written consent, none of the following may be undertaken regarding my child: the administration of any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals (1) political affiliations or beliefs of my child or me, (2) mental or psychological problems of my child or his or her family, (3) sexual behaviors or attitudes, (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior, (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships, (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers, (7) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of my child or me, (8) ownership/knowledge of firearms or (9) income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

☐ Assessment Instruments: My child will not be participating in STAAR assessments for the current school year.

Keep this signed, written notice on file in my child's cumulative folder.

Child's Name _____ Grade Level _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature(s) _____

Daytime/Evening Phone Number(s) _____

School Name _____ School District _____

Received by (Printed Name) _____

Received by (Signature) _____ Date Received _____

Parental Instructions and Activities

Non-Consent/Opt-Out Form

_____ School Year

Per the rights given me in Texas Education Code Chapter 26 *Parental Rights and Responsibilities* and specifically Section 26.010 which states the following:

“Sec. 26.010. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION. (a) A parent is entitled to remove the parent's child temporarily from a class or other school activity that conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs if the parent presents or delivers to the teacher of the parent's child a written statement authorizing the removal of the child from the class or other school activity. “

I, _____, as parent and/or legal guardian of _____, a child and student in __ISD, hereby exercise my rights stated above and inform school administrators and staff of the following:

Section 1 I DO NOT CONSENT to my child/student being given instruction or information on or being subjected to discussion or activities by classroom teachers, school staff, counselors, librarians, third-party providers, YouTube or other videos, films, live streaming, other audio-visual methods, textbooks, workbooks, or handout material including any subject listed under this Section 1 and/or any entity listed under Section 2 of any of the following. Any instruction or retaliation contrary to this notice and/or the Educators' Code of Ethics (19 Tex. Admin, Code 247.2) will be the subject of further action to uphold my parental rights to protect and direct the education of my child/student.

1. Abortion;
2. Birth Control/Contraceptive;
3. Sexual activity of any kind including but not limited to vaginal, oral, or anal sex, and masturbation;
4. Human sexuality discussion or instruction including but not limited to any variant of sexuality and/or homosexuality including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or questioning identities;
5. Gender identity, including, but not limited to transgenderism, gender as social construct, gender binary, gender spectrum, gender reassignment surgery, gender dysphoria, preferred gender pronouns, gender expression, puberty-suppressing hormones, cross-sex hormones, methods or surgeries to alter appearances attributed to biological sex;
6. Any referral of my child to a counselor, medical professional, social worker, within or outside the school for any purpose other than academics;
7. The removal of my children from the classroom to the office of and/or any private conversation with any administrator, counselor, etc...without my consent. Call me.
8. Any written material of, reference to, or referral to an outside agency, group, individual or organization relating to sexuality including but not limited to those listed in this document;
9. Any advertisement by or participation in any group, organization, club, entity or activity that discusses or addresses sexual activity, sexual orientation or gender identity under the guise of anti-bullying, Social and Emotional Learning, or any other rationale;
10. Any performance by or activity with drag queens, drag kings, or other cross-sex impersonators;
11. Any instruction and discussion or activity regarding power and/or privilege in relation to race, sex, sexual orientation, or gender;
12. Any activity or instruction related to suicide prevention, anxiety, depression and/or trauma informed care, etc...or other topics covering SB 9 mentioned in 28.004. Including recognizing anxiety, depression and/or suicide-related risk factors and/or warning signs;
13. Any activity or instruction related to social/emotional learning, self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, emotional intelligence, expressing and regulating emotions, growth mindset and/or relationship skills;
14. Any book, video, activity, instruction and/or program that is sexual in nature in any way, LGBTQ subject matter, or any other violation of the Educators Code of Ethics.
15. Any terms/ideas associated with equity and/or inequity
16. Intruder drills- These may cause anxiety and fear for young students.

If any of the above are used in my children's classroom I am asking to be notified. My child/student is to be removed from any instruction, discussion, or activity listed above without subjecting him/her to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, ridicule, retaliation, retribution, or other sanction imposed by the district or the student's school. I request alternative academic instruction for my child/student during the same time period that any instruction or activity listed is provided and/or presented.

Section 2: I DO NOT CONSENT to my children's participation in any instruction, discussion, or activity which is derived in whole or in part from, contains information from or references to the following sources:

- National Sexuality Education Standards
- Future of Sex Education (FoSE) Initiative
- Sex, Etc.
- Advocates for Youth/Amaze
- Answer
- SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.)
- Planned Parenthood
- The Kinsey Institute
- GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network)
- Gay Straight Alliance
- TeenSource
- Howard Zinn/Zinn Education Project/Project1619
- Abolitionist Teachers Network
- Critical Theory
- YPAR
- Anything produced by a DEI Consultant/staff, and/or curriculum added by DEI on its own or through SEL
- National Education Association

Section 3: I do not consent to any surveys or other tools that gather data or information of my children. Per the parental rights and student protections guaranteed by Texas law and under the federal Pupil Rights Protection Act, I must be notified and allowed to view any and all surveys (included local and those imbedded in curriculum), data collection and/or data mining that will be given to my child/student including but not limited to those that ask questions regarding the following:

1. political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
2. mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. sex behavior or attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or
8. income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program)

Section 4: I DO NOT CONSENT to any medical, mental or psychological screening, treatment, or counseling of or to my child/student without prior full disclosure by written notification to me and written consent given by me. This includes screenings in curriculum, group counseling lessons, etc... I request and would like to view all counseling lessons presented to students to ensure they do not include any unlawful counseling, screenings, treatment, etc...

I hereby request that this notification be placed in my child/student's permanent file and be provided to ***all people offering instruction and/or come in contact with*** my child/student during the school year including teachers, aides, counselors, librarians, and substitutes. If you have any questions or concerns reach out to me personally to discuss this letter and anything herein.

Printed Name of Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Name of Child/Student

Date: _____

Signature of Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Received by: _____ Date _____

Parental Instructions and Activities Non-Consent Form for the _____ School Year

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I, _____, as parent and/or legal guardian of _____, a minor child, hereby exercise my rights stated above and duly place school administrators and staff on notice to remove my child from instruction on the following Student Expectations in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 115:

- _____ **Kindergarten** - 115.12.b.2.C "discuss ways in which germs are transmitted, methods of preventing the spread of germs, and the importance of immunization; and"
- _____ **Grade 1** - 115.13.b.2.C "describe ways in which germs are transmitted, methods of preventing the spread of germs, and the importance of immunization; and"
- _____ **Grade 2** - 115.14.b.2.D "explain ways in which germs are transmitted, methods of preventing the spread of germs, and the importance of immunization;"
- _____ **Grade 3** - 115.15.b.2.E "explain ways in which germs are transmitted, methods of preventing the spread of germs, and the importance of immunization;"
- _____ **Grade 6** - 115.26.b.2.E "explain the role of preventive health measures, immunizations, and treatment such as wellness exams and dental check-ups in disease prevention;"
- _____ **Grades 7-8** - 115.27.b.23.M "explain that HPV vaccines can help prevent the transmission of the most common types of HPV, a virus that can cause genital warts and cervical cancer and other cancers in males and females;"
- _____ **High School Health II** - 115.39.c.22.E "identify the effectiveness of vaccines in preventing the transmission of the most common types of HPV, a virus that may cause genital warts and head and neck cancer, cervical cancer, anal cancer, or other cancers that may occur in males and females;"
- _____ **Your Health in the Real World** – 115.40.c.2.D "analyze the importance of each component of personal medical history, including immunizations, previous treatments, current medical records, and family history. 115.40.c.13.G "explain the importance of vaccines across the lifespan;"

I hereby request that this notification be placed in my child's permanent file and be provided to all people offering instruction to my child during the school year including teachers, aides, counselors, and librarians. Any instruction contrary to this notice will be the subject of further action to uphold my parental rights to protect and direct the education of my child.

Parent and/or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent and/or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____