

6810.2: CURRICULUM - REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION

I. Parents or guardians may make a formal, written request that their child or ward be excused from the use of a given book, instructional unit or particular literary work. The request may be granted only if the subject of the request is determined by the District to be contrary to the personal convictions of the parent or guardian concerning the philosophical or ideological content of the educational materials or portions thereof to which the request is directed.

Any student for which the request is granted shall be assigned to educational activities or resources which are as near as reasonably possible to the educational outcomes of the educational materials from which the student is excused.

In the event a parent or guardian may request that their child or ward by excused from an entire course the request may be granted only if the District determines that the content of the entire course appears to be contrary to the personal, philosophical or ideological convictions of the individual making the request.

Any student for which the request is granted shall be assigned to a curriculum subject which is related as closely as possible to the educational outcomes of the course from which the student is excused.

No request shall be granted if the request is only to change courses for reasons of personal convenience, desires, or personal preference or to merely substitute one course for another.

Parents may suggest, through formal complaint procedures set forth in District Rule 1310.2, that a given book, instructional unit, literary work, or course be excluded from the curriculum for all students.

The building principal or primary administrator in a building shall be responsible for informing parents or guardians of their rights of request and exclusion by including such a statement in the student handbook for which the principal or other administrator is responsible.

Forms for requesting exclusion of a student from curriculum materials or courses or the exclusion of a given book, instructional unit/course or literary work from use in a building or within the District are available from Educational Services. Available forms include:

Form A-1: Parent/Guardian Request for Student Exclusion from a Given Book, Instructional Unit or Literary Work

Form A-2: Parent/Guardian Request for Student Exclusion from a Course

Form B-1: Citizen Request for Consideration of Print and Non-Print Materials

Form B-2: Parent/Guardian Request for Reconsideration of a Current Course Offering

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Related Policies and Rules

6810: Public Access to School Materials and Documents

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Legal Reference

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