

## **IGE**

Pittsfield School District

### **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 weeks in advance of the use of 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 staff member or faculty that the parents or legal guardians should contact to arrange for 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 dean of instruction of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive alternative instruction, sufficient to enable the child to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject. This notification and request shall be in writing.

The dean of instruction and the parent/guardian must mutually agree to the alternative instruction in a timely manner and in writing. The alternative instruction 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 instruction for the student. Alternative instruction may be provided by the school, through approved independent study, or through other method agreed to by the parent / guardian and the dean of instruction. Any cost associated with the alternative instruction shall be borne by the parent/guardian.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as giving parents/guardians the right to appeal to the School Board. Parents who wish to question particular instructional material for appropriateness may submit a request to review in accordance with Board Policy KEC.

In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights statute, as a school district that receives federal Department of Education funds, the district makes available for inspection any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. The procedures established by the district provides reasonable access to instructional material within a reasonable period of time after such a request is received.

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