

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY – IGE

Parental Objections to Specific Course Material

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

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 ~~material~~ **instruction**, 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/guardian must mutually agree to the alternative **instruction** ~~material~~. The alternative **instruction** ~~material~~ agreed upon must meet state ~~minimum standards~~ **requirements for education in the particular subject area**.

School district staff will make reasonable efforts, within the scope of existing time, schedules, resources and other duties, to accommodate alternative **instruction** ~~material~~ for the student. Alternative **instruction** ~~material~~ may be provided by the school **through approved independent study** ~~if already owned by the school~~, or through other methods agreed to by the parent/guardian and the building principal. Any cost associated with the alternative **instruction** ~~material~~ 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/guardians who wish for particular instructional material to be reviewed for appropriateness as part of the curriculum, rather than as a specific exception for their student, may submit a request for review in accordance with Board Policy KEG.~~

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In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights statute, as a School District that receives federal Department of Education funds, the Superintendent shall develop procedures to allow the parent/guardian of a student to inspect any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum for the student. The procedures will provide reasonable access to instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received.

NOTE regarding human sexuality and human sexual education: In addition to the protections under this policy, per RSA 186:11-c and Board policy IHAM, parents/guardians are afforded additional affirmative rights with respect to instruction of human sexuality or human sex education, including, among other things, the right to receive a minimum of 2 weeks advance notice of all materials to be used with respect to such instruction.

Legal References:

RSA 186:11, IX-b & IX-c State Board of Education; Duties.
20 U.S.C §1232h, (c)(1)(C), Protection of pupil rights
RSA 193:40, Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination

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