

## **PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL**

The Board recognizes that there may be specific topics and/or instructional materials that some parents/guardians may find objectionable.

Parents/guardians who do not want their child to participate in a particular topic or use specific instructional materials are allowed to have their child opt-out. If, after review of materials used and a conference with the Principal or designee, a parent/guardian requests that their child not participate in a given aspect of the unit of study, the parent/guardian must provide alternative independent work or topic that meets state standards. This notification and request shall be in writing utilizing the District "Parent Opt-Out Form to Specific Course Material." This form can be found on the SAU41 website under "Resources for Parents." The Principal or designee and the parent must mutually agree to the alternative independent work.

Any cost associated with the alternative independent work or topic 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 instructional material be reviewed for appropriateness may submit a request for review in accordance with Board Policy [KEC](#).

Opt-out requests are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

The name of the parent or legal guardian and any specific reasons disclosed to school officials for the objection to the material shall not be public information.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 186:11, IX-c, State Board of Education; Duties. New Sample Policy: January 2012*

*RSA 193:40, Prohibition on Teaching Discrimination*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: May 25, 2022