

NOTICE OF RELIGIOUS OPT-OUT

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher/Homeroom: _____

Dear _____ (Principal/Superintendent),

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the above-named student, hereby request that my child be excused from all instruction, activities, or school practices that conflict with our sincerely held religious beliefs, consistent with the protections affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* (June 27, 2025).

I understand such books may be available in the school or classroom library, and am not requesting their removal. I am opting out of said books being recommended, promoted, or offered to my child by school personnel.

This opt-out applies with immediate effect and must be honored beginning on:

- The first day of school OR**
- Immediately upon receipt of this form**

Pursuant to *Mahmoud v. Taylor*:

I am requesting that my child be provided with reasonable alternative work or assignments that align with the learning objective(s) without conflicting with our religious beliefs. I am also requesting to receive advance notice each time my child will be removed from content or activities due to this opt-out request, particularly if this means my child will be removed from class or receive an alternative assignment.

PARENT REQUEST FOR WRITTEN CONFIRMATION

Please confirm in writing within 5 business days that this opt-out has been added to my child's record, that all relevant staff have been notified, that the district has a clear plan for implementing these accommodations, and that I will receive advance notice of any future LGBTQ+ or gender-identity lessons, materials, or surveys.

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AREAS COVERED BY THIS OPT-OUT

(Check all that apply)

A. Classroom Instruction & Materials

I am opting my child out of:

- Lessons, units, videos, or materials involving LGBTQ+ themes
- Instruction on gender identity or gender theory
- Sex education (instruction/materials addressing human sexuality, sexual behavior, etc.)
- Books, read-alouds, supplemental readings, or library activities containing LGBTQ+ content
- Pride-related lessons, observances, celebrations, or activities
- SEL, advisory, or counseling lessons involving identity or sexuality

B. Religious Rituals or Practices

- Activities involving meditation, chanting, prayer, or participation in rituals or religions not our own

C. Surveys, Questionnaires & Screenings

- Any survey or form that asks about gender identity, sexual orientation, or related topics
- Mental health or SEL screenings that include questions on identity

D. Pronoun Usage (Compelled Speech)

- My child may not be compelled or pressured to use “preferred pronouns”
- My child may not be punished for using biologically based pronouns
- Staff may not instruct or require my child to participate in pronoun affirmation activities

SIGNATURES

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

School Representative Receiving Form: _____

Date Received: _____