

## EXCEPTIONS TO USE OF SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL(S)

The curriculum and course materials of the Londonderry School District are designed to meet statutory requirements and include other areas of study deemed appropriate by the professional staff and the Board. The curriculum includes topics and materials that are age and ability appropriate to the students.

The Board acknowledges that from time to time individual students may be exposed to specific course materials which their parent(s)/legal guardian(s) find objectionable. In such cases, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may request an exception to the specific course materials in accordance with applicable law and the following procedure.

1. The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must:
  - a. Notify the Building Principal or designee in writing of the specific course material to which they object; and
  - b. Provide a detailed written description or actual copy of the course material which they propose as an alternative to the District's course material. That alternative material must meet applicable State requirements for education in the particular subject area.
  - c. Provide a detailed description of how and when the alternative course material will be delivered to the child at no cost to the District. The District shall have no responsibility for delivery of the alternative course material.
2. The Building Principal or designee shall review the proposed alternative course material and plan for delivery of the material; determine whether it is appropriate and meets State requirements and consult with the classroom teacher and other staff as appropriate.
3. The Building Principal or designee shall notify the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) as soon as practicable whether or not he/she agrees to the alternative course material and plan for delivery of the material. Both the Building Principal or designee and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must agree in order for particular alternative course material to be approved as a replacement for District course material.
4. If the Building Principal or designee approves the alternative course material and plan for delivery, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must provide appropriate documentation of the student's successful completion of the material. Absent such documentation, the student will not receive credit for the work.

5. If the Building Principal or designee and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) cannot agree on alternative course material and a plan for delivery, the Superintendent or designee may be requested to assist in resolving the matter. In the event that there is no agreement, the District shall expect the child to continue to participate in the school's regular curriculum.
6. In the event that the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are objecting to sex education or health programs on religious grounds, the student shall not be required to participate in the District's regular curriculum, but may participate in an alternative program.

In accordance with State law, the names of the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) requesting exceptions to specific course materials and their reasons shall remain confidential.

Legal Reference: RSA 186:11(IX-b) and (IX-c)

Cross Reference: KLB—Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials

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