

This is a NEW policy implementing the requirements of new chapter 56 of title 33, Idaho Code, titled "Parental Rights in Education." This policy provides that parents shall be notified by the district annually of their rights under the statute. Additionally, the policy provides guidelines to facilitate parental involvement in the education of their children, and provides that parents may withdraw their children from an activity or class. The policy also includes language warning of potential consequences to the child's education for withdrawing a child from certain required courses or activities.

The board of trustees adopts this policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the district's schools.

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS**

A student's parent or guardian has the right to reasonable academic accommodation from their child's school. For the purposes of this policy only, "reasonable accommodation" means the school shall make its best effort to enable a parent or guardian to exercise their rights without substantial impact to staff and resources, including employee working conditions, safety and supervision on school premises for school activities and the efficient allocation of expenditures, while balancing the parental rights of parents and guardians, the educational needs of other students, the academic and behavioral impacts to a classroom, a teacher's workload and the assurance of the safe and efficient operations of the school.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

Parent participation in the schools that is designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline include but are not limited to:

*the student management system (PowerSchool), the Alert Notification System, teacher and administrators email addresses via the District website at [www.sodaschools.org](http://www.sodaschools.org), online student learning systems (Canvas, Moodle, etc.), Parent Teacher Conferences, and individual parent/teacher meetings.*

## **PARENTAL INFORMATION ON COURSE OF STUDY AND LEARNING MATERIALS**

*Parents may make a request, via the building principal, to review information and instructional materials regarding an individual course or class project. In addition, parents may request class syllabus, online curriculum components, and access to supplemental software for review.*

## **PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO LEARNING MATERIALS OR ACTIVITIES:**

*Parents who object to any learning material or activity on the basis that it harms the child or impairs the parents' firmly held beliefs, values or principles, may withdraw their child from the*

*activity, class or program in which the material is used by contacting the classroom teacher. The teacher will meet with the parent and building principal to determine if alternative materials can be reasonably used to meet the learning objective. If there is no alternative learning experience that meets the course requirement, the student may still withdraw from the activity. However, this withdraw does not mean the requirement has been waived.*

**REQUIREMENTS NOT WAIVED**

Withdrawing a child from an activity, class, or program required for advancement or graduation under board or state approved curricula does not waive requirements and may result in adverse consequences to the child’s education, including but not limited to, ineligibility to advance to the next grade level, ineligibility to enroll in other classes, and/or denial of diplomas or other certificates.

**ANNUAL NOTICE**

The district shall annually notify parents and guardians of children enrolled in the district’s schools of the parent’s or guardian’s rights as specified above *through notification in school handbooks* which are available on the District website and/or the monthly school newsletter.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

- Idaho Code Sections
- 33-5601 – Parental Rights
- 33-5602 – Annual Notice of Parental Rights

**ADOPTED:**

**AMENDED:**

**FIRST READING:**