

Notice Concerning Consent of Human Sexuality Issues

My child, _____, who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age lives at _____ (address) and attends school at _____ during academic year _____.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that my child **may not participate without my specific written consent concerning human sexuality or sex education** including but not limited to: human sexuality instruction, reproduction, human growth and development, child development, or other instruction that involves human reproduction, sexually transmitted diseases, family life, abortion, extra-marital sex, prostitution, alternative lifestyles, homosexuality, incest, sexual behavior or activity, the roles or societal norms for males and females, and any physical, psychological, or emotional issues related to human sexuality. This applies to discussions, textbooks/handouts, counseling, field trips, programs, special presentations, school or outside speakers, movies/DVD, role playing involving moral or sexual issues, and/or classroom activities while participating in any school instruction or activities on or off the school campus.

My child may not use school-based health or community-based health, psychological, psychiatric, or counseling services or be referred to such services without my specific written and informed consent.

My child may not be given permission or allowed to leave the school campus or any off-campus school activity without my knowledge and written consent.

My child's absence may not be excused for any reason without my knowledge and written consent.

As the parent, guardian, or managing conservator, I have both the right and the duty to provide for the medical, surgical, psychiatric, psychological, and/or any other health care examination, test, or treatment of my child. Therefore, except for reasonably necessary emergency care, any physician, nurse, or other health care provider who is an employee, agent, contractor, or affiliate of the school must provide me with notice and obtain my written consent. Furthermore, I have the right to access my child's medical records that are maintained by or at the school or school district.

Under federal law, my child may not participate without my consent in any activity, assessment, survey, analysis, personal inventory or evaluation that reveals information concerning political affiliations; mental and psychological problems involving him/her or his/her family; and/or sexual behavior and attitudes. My child may not be questioned about his or his family's opinions or feelings about the above mentioned subjects. (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment [PPRA], 20 U.S.C. § 1232h) and (Texas Education Code § 26.009).

My child may not be referred to any resource concerning human sexuality or health services without my written consent. Resources include but not limited to speakers, programs, and Internet resources. Internet resources include instructing my child to research certain subjects on the Internet or viewing specific sites pertaining to human sexuality. I exercise my right to remove my child temporarily from any class or activity where there is Internet access without direct adult supervision.

This letter over-rides any consent or perceived consent regarding the above mentioned issues.

I understand under state and federal law that my child and I have the right to be free from any acts of harassment, intimidation, interrogation, or retaliation for exercising my parental and constitutional rights.

Please place this letter in my child's permanent file and provide to my child's school principal, counselors, and teachers.

I understand that I have the right to access all teaching materials, textbooks, and other teaching aids used in the classroom and to review any tests given to my child after the test is administered. Texas Education Code § 26.006.

This letter is also a request for information regarding any non-school district organization, group, or individual that provides instruction during any school activity.

I have read and understand this Notice.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____
(parent, guardian, or managing conservator)

Print Name: _____

Received By:

Signature of School Official: _____

Printed Name of Official: _____

Title of Official: _____ Date Received: _____

Notes to parents:

- Sign this Notice each year for each child.
- Parents should give the original to the principal or school official and keep a copy that is signed by the parent and school official.
- If the school official refuses to sign, then write that person's name and the day and time that you hand delivered the Notice.
- If you mail the notice to the school principal, be sure to send it by certified mail return receipt requested and attach the receipt and signed return postcard to your copy of the Notice.