

## **IGE – PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIAL OR REQUIREMENTS**

**General Information** - The Board recognizes that there may be specific course materials which some parents/guardians find objectionable.

In the event a parent/guardian finds specific course material objectionable, the parent/guardian may notify the School Principal of the specific material to which they object and request that the student receive alternative instruction, sufficient to enable the student to meet state requirements for education in the particular subject area. This notification and request shall be in writing.

The School Principal and the parent must mutually agree to the alternative instruction. The alternative instruction agreed upon must meet state minimum standards and school board policy.

School district staff will make reasonable efforts within the scope of existing time, schedules, resources, and other duties to accommodate alternative instruction for the student. Alternative instruction may be provided by the school through approved independent study or through other method agreed to by the parent/guardian and the School Principal. Any cost associated with the alternative instruction shall be borne by the parent/guardian.

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 School Board Policy KE “Public Complaints About School Program, Staff, and Students.”

**Physical Education** - No child shall be excused from the regular physical education program except on the written notice of a licensed medical provider or the written request of the parent(s). In such cases where the excuse is approved, a modified or alternative program shall be provided subject to this policy. Physical education waivers must be submitted annually and are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

Temporary excuses on a day to day basis may be granted by the teacher upon the written request of the parents/guardians.

### **Health Education** -

Parents/guardians, or students over eighteen years of age, who do not want their child to participate in a particular unit of health or sex education instruction, may opt-out of such instruction subject to this policy. Health education waivers must be submitted annually and are valid only for the school year in which they are submitted.

### **Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References**

Policy KE (Public Complaints About School Program, Staff, and Students)  
Ed 306.40 (Health Education Program)  
Ed 306.41 (Physical Education Program)  
RSA 186:11, IX-b (Health and Sex Education)  
RSA 186:11, IX-c (State Board of Education; Duties)  
Handbook (Parent)

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