

PARENT PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Participation of parents/guardians in their child's education is an important component in the student's education and is valued and supported by Edmond Public Schools. Local Board policies developed over time reflect this position and are consistent with provisions of HB 1384. This policy is created in compliance with HB1384 and includes references to numerous previously adopted state laws.

As existing policies, regulations and guidelines are reviewed and new policies created that relate to the following list of items, consideration and compliance with law is expected. The Superintendent is to ensure appropriate inputs and considerations, as specified below, in the provision of plans/procedures for:

1. Parent participation in the school, designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline;
2. Parents to learn about the course of study for their children and to review learning materials, including the source of any supplemental educational materials;
3. Parents who object to any learning material or activity to withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used. The objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in sex, morality or religion;
4. An opt out of sex education instruction (pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of Title 70 of Oklahoma Statutes) if a child's parent provides written objection to the child's participation in the curricula;
5. Ensuring that parents will be notified in advance of and given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education curricula pursuant to Section 11-105.1 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
6. Parents to learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum, as well as school-approved extracurricular clubs and activities; and, for
7. Parents to learn about parental rights and responsibilities under the laws of Oklahoma, including the following:
 - a. Right to opt out of sex education curriculum when such curriculum is provided,
 - b. Open enrollment rights,
 - c. Opt out of assignments pursuant to this section,
 - d. To be exempt from the immunization laws of the state pursuant to Section 1210.192 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - e. Promotion requirements prescribed in Section 1210.508E of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - f. Minimum course of study and competency requirements for graduation from high school prescribed in Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - g. Right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome pursuant to Section 11-103.3 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - h. Right to review test results,

- i. Right to participate in gifted programs pursuant to Sections 1210-301 through 1210.308 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- j. Right to inspect instructional materials used in connection with any research or experimentation program or project pursuant to Section 11-106 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- k. Right to receive a school report card,
- l. Attendance requirements prescribed in Section 10-1060 of title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- m. Right to public review of courses of study and textbooks,
- n. Right to be excused from school attendance for religious purposes,
- o. Policies related to parental involvement pursuant to this section,
- p. Right to participate in parent-teacher associations and organizations that are sanctioned by the Board of Education of the District,
- q. Right to opt out of any data collection instrument at the District level that would capture data for inclusion in the state longitudinal student data system except what is necessary and essential for establishing a student's public school record.

Parents may submit a written request for information during regular business hours to either the school principal at the school site or the superintendent at the office of the school district. Within ten (10) days of receiving the request for information, the school principal or superintendent, shall deliver the requested information to the parent or provide a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of the requested information. If the request is denied or the parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen (15) days after submitting the request, the parent may submit a written request to the board of education. The board of education shall formally consider the request at the next scheduled public meeting if the request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the board of education shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent meeting of the board of education.

Legal references: 70 O.S. 10-106
 70 O.S. 11-103.3
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