



Bennington Public Schools

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TO: ██████████
FROM: Dr. Dee Hoge, Assistant Superintendent
CC: Dr. Greg Lamberty, Principal
DATE: April 20, 2023

RE: Parent Request For Exclusion

Your request to have your son, ██████████ excluded from access to library materials without your approval, is approved. If ██████████ requests to check-out library materials, the materials will be placed on hold for him, and an email will be sent for your approval. Once you have approved or denied this request to check-out materials, ██████████ will be notified about the availability of the requested materials.

You also included in your request any books and curriculum instructing on LGBTQIA2S+ spirituality. In order to support approval of this request, the following steps will be taken:

1. ██████████ teachers will meet with the Principal, Dr. Lamberty, and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Hoge.
2. An outline of concepts included under this Exclusion will be reviewed with teachers including:
 - a. Gender ideology
 - b. Spiritual mindfulness
 - c. Transgenderism
 - d. Materials instructing in the practice of Gnosticism and/or Hermeticism
3. Teachers will notify the Principal and Parent, ██████████, in advance, of any class instruction or activities which may expose the student to the above-mentioned topics.
4. Teachers will provide copies of materials that will be used in advance, of any class instruction or activities which may expose the student to the above-mentioned topics to the Parent, ██████████.
5. ██████████ will approve ██████████ participation or exclusion in any of the class activities described above.

This meeting will take place no later than Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

OBJECTION TO INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Parent Request for Exclusion Form

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent Submitting Form: _____

Identify the specific book, instructional unit, or literary work that you request your student be excluded from reading or learning about:

All All Boys Aren't Blue and all books, curriculum instructing on LGBTQIA2S+ spirituality

(Note that general requests for exclusion may be rejected as too broad or vague. The District cannot guarantee that a student will not hear or discuss any given topic. Therefore, parents are encouraged to be as specific as possible in completing this form.)

Explain why you want your student be excluded from what you previously identified:

Violation of 1st Amendment rights, please refer to explanation provided in email to the district

By submitting this form, you understand that the District will need to review this request to determine if your request will be granted or denied. The District's decision will be based on a variety of factors, including whether the student can be supervised during the identified instructional time. Further, the District is not legally required to exclude students in every case. If a student is not granted an exclusion request, then a parent may pick their child up from school during the specific instructional time, but the student may be counted as absent or receive a lower score in the class if they refuse to participate or engage in the curriculum.

Date: April 5, 2023

Parent Signature: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Approved Denied

Superintendent (or Designee) Signature: _____ Approved Denied

Please either mail to Bennington Public Schools at 11620 N 156th St., Bennington, NE 68007 or fax to 402-238-2185 or scan document and email to dhoge@benaps.org.

Principal's Signature: _____ Approved: X

Superintendent's (or Designee) Signature: _____ Approved: X

Date: April 21, 2023