

Religious Exemption Form

DATE _____

Dear _____:
(Superintendent/School Board President)

Whereas, federal law and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) define religion:

Religious beliefs include theistic beliefs as well as non-theistic “moral or ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views.” Courts generally resolve doubts about particular beliefs in favor of finding that they are religious, beliefs are not protected merely because they are strongly held. Rather, religion typically concerns “ultimate ideas” about “life, purpose, and death.”

Whereas, LGBTQIA2S (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two Spirit) spirituality legally qualifies as religion according to US law;

Whereas, biological sex is scientifically verifiable, while “gender” is a subjective belief;

Whereas, the United States Constitution set forth the guarantee of religious liberty known as the Establishment Clause to prohibit the government from advancing or endorsing a religion;

Whereas, religious indoctrination in public schools was outlawed by the 1963 Supreme Court ruling Pennsylvania v. Schempp;

Therefore, I am opting out of LGBTQIA2S religious indoctrination of my child,

_____ at _____,
(Child’s name) (Name of public school system)

including but not limited to the following religious indoctrination practices:

- Speaking to my child about gender and sexuality, privately and publicly.
- Asking my child’s preferred pronouns and teaching him/her non-standard pronouns.
- Asking about my child’s sexual practices.
- Teaching my child sexual techniques and practices.
- Asking my child about his/her family’s sexual practices.
- Giving my child surveys about gender and sexuality.
- Teaching my child there are “gender identities” beyond male and female.
- Encouraging my child to question his/her “gender identity”.
- Exposing my child to LGBTQIA2S apps and online materials.
- Showing my child LGBTQIA2S videos, cartoons, graphic novels, books, and handouts.
- Using Augmented and Virtual Reality (AR/VR) for my child to participate in LGBTQIA2S activities.
- Adding LGBTQIA2S religion and activism to biological sex education.
- Assigning my child writing and art projects about their sexuality and gender.
- Assigning my child online writing & art projects about their sexuality and gender.
- Collecting data on my child’s sexuality and gender.
- Collecting data on my child’s sexuality and gender for third parties.
- Having my child participate in LGBTQIA2S role-playing and group activities.
- Training and encouraging my child to be an LGBTQIA2S ally.
- Training and encouraging my child to be an LGBTQIA2S activist.

Requiring my child to participate in LGBTQIA2S protests and walkouts.
Exposing my child to drag queens/kings & Drag Story Hour.
Exposing my child to LGBTQIA2S flags, including transgender flags.

I am also opting my child out of third party LGBTQIA2S religious indoctrination from these groups and curricular/survey providers and data collectors, including but not limited to:

- ACLU
- Advocates for Youth
- Answer
- CASEL/SEL/WSCC and all subsidiaries
- Drag Story Hour
- Family Health Services, Inc.
- Gender Spectrum
- GLAAD
- GLSEN
- Great Plains Equity Center
- Guttmacher Institute
- Human Rights Campaign
- National Sex Education Standards (SIECUS, Answer, Advocates for Youth)
- NEA/NSEA Teachers Unions
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Nebraska ESUs
- OutNebraska
- Panorama Education and Surveys
- PFLAG
- Planned Parenthood
- Sex Education Collaborative
- Sherwood Foundation
- SIECUS
- Trevor Project
- University of Nebraska System
- Women's Fund of Omaha

Please sign and date this letter and return it to me at your earliest convenience.
Please retain a copy of this Opt-out form for your records.

Sincerely,

(Parent/Guardian)

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of this parent's/guardian's request to opt his/her child out of LGBTQIA2S religious instruction and I will adhere to the parental/religious rights hereby invoked.

(School Superintendent)

(Date)

(School Board President)

(Date)