

STUDENT EXEMPTION

To the School Board Members, Superintendent, Principal, teachers and agents of the _____ School District:

This letter will serve as legal notice pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1232h and Title 59, Chapter 32, Section 59-32-50 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, that you may not teach, instruct, advise, counsel, discuss, test, question, examine, survey or in any way provide information, data or images to my child(ren) concerning:

- sex education, family life education, health, human sexuality,
- pupil's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion,
- pupil's parents' or guardians' beliefs and practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion,
- sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, HIV,
- gender identity, sexual orientation, sexual preference,
- homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgender or transsexual issues,
- or any alternatives to monogamous heterosexual marriage,

without my express written permission on an incident-by-incident basis.

This restriction shall extend to:

- teachers and teacher aides,
- administrators, school counselors,
- school health personnel, special guests or presenters,
- South Carolina Department of Education or other state departments or their agents,
- or anyone speaking or acting on behalf of the school or school district.

This shall pertain to whether said child(ren) are on school grounds or off-campus, and shall include, but not be limited to:

- classroom instruction, presentations, school approved displays on campus,
- reading assignments, class discussions, homework assignments,
- books magazines, newspapers, or other printed or written material,
- photographs, movies, films, slides, filmstrips, DVDs, CDs, video tapes, audio tapes,
- CD-Roms, computer and Internet programs and activities,
- field trips, assemblies, theatrical or musical performances,
- individual or group assigned activities, extracurricular activities,
- or any other context in which the school or its agents interact with my child(ren).

I respectfully request that I be notified in writing at least 15 days in advance of all future instruction, events or activities, etc. from which my child(ren) may need to be exempted, so that I may work with you in making alternative accommodations for his/her continuing education. This request is made as a direct result of my sincerely held religious beliefs and/or personal moral convictions, as well as the individual, emotional and developmental needs of my child(ren), and has been prepared with the advice of legal counsel and will supersede any prior authorization you may have on file.

My child(ren) and/or ward(s) to whom this notice applies is (are): (name and grade)

Thank you for respecting my family's personal moral convictions regarding these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Signed _____ Date _____

Address _____

Daytime/Evening Phone _____

NOTICE TO PARENST/GUARDIANS: Please retain a signed, dated copy of this letter for your personal records. It is recommended that you provide a copy to the principal(s) where your child(ren) attends school and with the school district office.