

Instruction

Family Involvement

AR 6020(a)

Parental Notification Procedures

Principals will ensure that parents/guardians are notified at least two weeks before any activity, class or program is provided to their student that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters, except if the instruction is regarding awareness and prevention of sexual abuse, sexual assault, or dating violence and abuse. Notification will occur via whatever means the principal determines will be most likely to reach the parent/guardian, including but not limited to postal mail, e-mail, callout, in person, or in the student's backpack folder.

Materials Review Procedures

Parents/guardians have the right to review the content of an activity, class, performance standard, or program provided to their student. In order to do so, parents/guardians must request an appointment with the principal. Teachers should direct any such request to principals and cooperate with the principal to provide materials for review. Teachers may participate in a materials review conference at the principal's discretion. Materials may not be removed from the school nor may they be photocopied.

Objection & Withdrawal

In exercising their roles in the education of their students, parents/guardians have the right to object to and withdraw their student from

1. a standards-based assessment or test required by the State of Alaska
2. an activity, class, or program

In exercising these rights, parents/guardians must object each time a parent/guardian wishes to withdraw their student from an individual activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment or test required by the State of Alaska. Categorical objections and withdrawal from all activities, classes, programs, or assessments are not permitted.

Statewide Standardized Assessment

In order to withdraw their student from a standards-based assessment or test required by the state, parents/guardians must submit the request in writing directly to the school principal. The withdrawal request may be made via email, but form letters will not be accepted. Parents and principals are encouraged to follow up in person or by phone to confirm the request has been received. The principal or designee will maintain a list of students whose parents/guardians have refused testing and ensure that those students do not participate. No alternate activities will be provided; any absence due to such withdrawal will be excused, and students will not be penalized.

Activity/Class/Program

In order to withdraw their student from an activity, class, or program, a parent/guardian must contact the principal to notify him/her of the withdrawal. Students may not be penalized for such withdrawal and resulting absences will be excused. Alternate activities may be arranged at the principal's discretion, with collaboration between the parent/guardian and the teacher. Parents/guardians may not withdraw a student from locally required and graded assessments without penalty.

**SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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