

Board Policy JRB: Parents' Bill of Rights

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DEFINITIONS

Education Records

Any record that is maintained by a local education agency (school district), public/private elementary or secondary school, or Department of Juvenile Justice and is directly related to a student. This includes, but is not limited to enrollment, attendance, class schedules, academic transcripts, grades, student discipline, student financial information, health, special education, and psychological evaluation records.

Instructional- ~~M~~aterial ~~– As used in this policy, the term “instructional material” means:~~

a. Instructional materials and content which constitute the principal source of study for a state funded course to be used in the various grades in Georgia’s public schools, including the elementary grades and high school grades; and

b. Locally approved instructional materials and content which constitute the principal source of study for a state funded course, not including supplementary or ancillary material, which is adopted by a local board of education or used by a local school system.

Supplementary or ~~A~~ncillary ~~Material~~

Includes material includes, but is not limited to, articles, online simulations, worksheets, novels, biographies, speeches, videos, music, and similar resources in any medium, including both physical or digital.

REQUIREMENTS

The Bibb County Board of Education (“Board”) promotes parental involvement in schools of the Bibb County School District (“District”).

1. The Superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure that each school within the District has in place and makes available procedures for a parent to:

a. Review records relating to his or her minor child;

b. Learn about his or her minor child’s courses of study, including, but not limited to, parental access to instructional materials intended for use in the classroom. Such instructional materials will be made available for parental review during the first two weeks of each grading period, either online or on site upon a parent’s request made during the review period.

c. Object to instructional materials intended for use in his or her minor child’s classroom or recommended by his or her minor child’s teacher;

d. Withdraw his or her minor child from the school’s prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to his or her child’s participation. Such procedures will provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so that he or she may withdraw his or her minor child from the course; and

e. Provide written notice that photographs or video or voice recordings of his or her minor child are not permitted, subject to applicable public safety and security exceptions.

2. As required by the United States Supreme Court decision, *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, a parent may request to opt out of instructional materials and supplementary or ancillary materials if those materials substantially interfere with the

religious development of their child or pose a very real threat of undermining the religious beliefs and practices a parent wishes to instill in the child.

2.3. The procedures required by this policy will be posted on the District's website and made available for review on site upon request of a parent. The Superintendent or his or her designee is authorized to prepare a regulation regarding the procedures required under this policy.
