

Georgia Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice

Please take notice that my child is to be excused and exempted for the current school year (see request date below) from the following school instruction, programs, and/or activities. This opt-out applies to all checked boxes below:

Sex Education – Pursuant to Georgia Code § 20-2-143, this serves as notice that my child is to be exempted from participation in sex education, including instruction in the following:

- human biology
- conception
- pregnancy
- birth
- sexually transmitted diseases
- acquired immune deficiency syndrome
- legal consequences of parenthood
- the legal obligation of parents to support a child
- legal penalties or restrictions upon failure to support a child

HIV/AIDS Education – Pursuant to Georgia Code § 20-2-143, this serves as notice that my child is to be exempted from participation in HIV/AIDS prevention education.

Private Information – Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, absent my written consent, none of the following may be undertaken regarding my child: The administration of any survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals: (1) political affiliations or beliefs of my child or me, (2) mental or psychological problems of my child or his or her family, (3) sexual behavior or attitudes, (4) illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior, (5) critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships, (6) legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers, (7) religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of my child or me, or (8) income (other than required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Attempt to change custody of a child by removing child from school premises – Pursuant to Georgia Code § 20-2-780, please take notice that no person shall make or attempt to make a change of custody of a minor child by removing the child from the premises of a private or public elementary or secondary school without my permission (the person who enrolled the child in the school) notwithstanding the fact that the person seeking to obtain custody of the child from the school has a court order granting custody of the child to such person, unless persons are seeking to enforce court orders that specifically authorize or direct the release of custody by the school.

Screening for scoliosis – Pursuant to Georgia Code § 20-2-772, please take notice that I object to screening of my child for scoliosis.

Immunization – Pursuant to Georgia Code § 20-2-771(e), please take notice that I object to immunization of my child on the grounds that the immunization conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent or guardian.

Affidavit

I, _____, swear or affirm that the immunization, as required by the Georgia Department of Public Health for a child to attend a school or facility in the state of Georgia, conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent or guardian.

Keep this signed, written notice on file in my child's cumulative folder. This notice supersedes all prior Opt-Out notices.

Child's Name _____ Grade Level _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature(s) _____

Parent/Guardian's Address _____

Daytime/Evening Phone Number(s) _____

School Name _____ School District _____

Received By (Print Name) _____

Received By (Signature) _____ Date Received _____

Instructions and Information on Using the Georgia Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice

What to Do

THE OPT-OUT NOTICE MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR

Note: These instructions are designed to assist you as a parent in completing the foregoing notice. These instructions should not be given to the school.

- 1) Make copies and share this Georgia Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice with other parents.
- 2) This notice allows you to check each box that applies to your concerns. You can check all of the boxes, only one box, or a few boxes, depending on your particular beliefs.
- 3) Make two copies of the completed notice. Then, sign and date each copy in ink.
- 4) Send the Opt-Out Notice to the school Principal by Certified Mail, e-mail, fax, or any other method whereby delivery can be confirmed. You do not need nor are you asking for “agreement” or “authorization.” You only need proof that you delivered the Opt-Out Notice to the school.
- 5) Keep one copy (with the proof of receipt) for your family and ask that the school keep a copy in your child’s school records (the cumulative file). Keep a signed copy for yourself.
- 6) Educate your children to report to you attempts to compel them to participate in classes or activities for which you have requested them to be opted-out.
- 7) Resubmit a copy of this Opt-Out Notice for each child when you enroll them for the next school year.