

## Arkansas Parent and Student Opt-Out Notice

Please take notice that pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, Chapter 18, 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:

**School-based Health Clinics** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-703, this serves as notice that my child shall not receive school-based health clinic services without parental consent in writing. Ark. Code § 6-18-703.

**School-based Contraceptive Service and Condom Distribution** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-703, this serves as notice that my child shall not receive contraceptive services and condom distribution without parental consent in writing. Ark. Code § 6-18-703.

**School-based Physical Exams** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-701, this serves as notice that my child shall be excused from physical examination. Ark. Code § 6-18-701. (Note: parent may need to present a certificate from a physician stating that the physician has recently examined the child provision or provide a written statement that the parent or guardian objects to the examination of his or her child).

Without parental consent in writing, my child shall not be subject to the following physical examinations, including, but not limited to:

defect of sight

hearing

function or any condition of health

teeth and mouth

**Immunizations** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(d)(4), please take notice that I am exercising the right to an exemption to vaccination based on medical, religious or philosophical exemptions. (Parents or a legal guardian of the child may need to complete an annual application process developed in the rules and regulations of the Department of Health (DOH) for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions.

*The process includes:*

- A notarized statement requesting a religious, philosophical, or medical exemption;
- Completion of an educational component that includes information on the risks and benefits of vaccination;
- An informed consent from parents or guardian that includes a signed statement of refusal to vaccinate based on the DOH's refusal-to-vaccinate form; and,
- A signed statement of understanding that at the discretion of the DOH, the unimmunized child or individual may be removed from day care or school during an outbreak if the child or individual is not fully vaccinated; and the child or individual shall not return to school until the outbreak has been resolved and the DOH approves the return to school.

*Note: Pertussis vaccination requirements do not apply to a child with a sibling, either whole blood or half blood, who has had a serious adverse reaction to the pertussis antigen, which reaction resulted in a total permanent disability.)*

**Private Information** – Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1232(h), 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).

**School-based activities –Safety Patrol Membership** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-804, this serves as notice that, without parental consent in writing, my child shall not be designated as a safety patrol member and shall not perform duties of a safety patrol member. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-804.

**School-based activities – Fundraising Programs** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-1104, this serves as notice that, without parental consent in writing, my child shall not participate in fundraising activities. Ark. Code § 6-18-1104.

**Questionnaires or surveys** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-1303, this serves as notice that, without parental consent in writing, my child shall not be administered a questionnaire or survey that requests or requires a student to supply any personal identifying information. Ark. Code § 6-18-1303.

**ACT Universal Assessment Program** – Pursuant to Arkansas Code, Title 6, § 6-18-1606, this serves as notice that, without parental consent in writing, my child [shall not]/[shall] participate in ACT Universal Assessment Program. (Note: the Universal ACT Assessment Program may provide a student in grades nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) with the opportunity to take the ACT Assessment while in grades nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) without any charge by using school district funding). Ark. Code § 6-18-1606.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Instructions and Information on Using the Arkansas 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 Arkansas 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 any or all 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, email, 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.