

Kentucky K-12 Parent Opt-Out Notice

Please take notice that my child is to be excused and exempted for the current school year from the following school instruction, programs, and/or activities. This Opt-Out applies to all checked boxes below:

- ☐ **Pledge of Allegiance**—Pursuant to KRS § 158.175, this shall serve as written notice that my child shall not be compelled to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ☐ **Human Sexuality Curriculum**- Pursuant to KRS § 158.1415(1)(e), this shall serve as an acknowledgement that my child shall not be compelled to participate in human sexuality instruction (e.g. sex education). I understand that my child may need to satisfactorily complete alternative health lessons for their grade to not be penalized (KRS § 158.1415(2)(a)).

- ☐ **Learning Material Which Questions Sexual, Moral, or Religious Beliefs:** Pursuant to KRS § 15.192 and *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, No. 24-297, 2025 U.S. LEXIS 2500 (June 27, 2025), this shall serve as written notice that my child shall not be exposed to any curriculum, presentations, displays in the classroom or other audio or visual materials in the curriculum or presented outside the curriculum which question my beliefs or practices in sex, morality, or religion. My child shall be withdrawn from any learning or activity that positively promotes or recognizes sexual lifestyles other than found between the marriage of one man and one woman or gender identities which are not synonymous with the biology of the sex at birth.

- ☐ **Immunization:** Pursuant to KRS § 214.036, please take notice that my child is exempt from immunizations on the following grounds:
 - ☐ The immunization or other preventive measures conflict with sincere religious beliefs. (KRS § 214.036(1)(b)). *(Please see attached signed, written statement that the immunization or other preventive measures conflict with religious grounds, affirmed under the penalty of perjury)*
 - ☐ It is the opinion of my child's attending health care provider that testing for tuberculosis or immunization would be injurious to my child's health. (KRS § 214.036(1)(a)). *(Please see attached written statement from child's doctor excusing child from the immunization)*

☐ **Private Information-** Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1232h and KRS § 158.191(6), 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,
- (8) firearm ownership, or
- (9) income (other than required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

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 Tennessee
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 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, 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.