



INVEST IN EDUCATION!



{{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "Dear friend," }},


Most students in America are back in the classroom and the academic year has begun. It has never been more important to recognize and realize your rights as a parent. The best interest of your child is at stake. You are not a “stakeholder” vying for a position or voice in the life of your child, you are THE PARENT. Your voice is intended and designed to be the primary voice in your child’s life. Your involvement in their education and upbringing creates security for their future. Well-informed and equipped parents are the most effective force of bringing about change in education. What does being "equipped" mean? Being equipped is being **ALERT** and **ENGAGED**, **EDUCATED** and **INFORMED**, **EMPOWERED** to **TAKE ACTION**, and simply put, **IN CHARGE**.

We at Freedom in Education are parents ourselves and know the challenges of juggling work, household responsibilities, kid sport schedules and other commitments, so we created a simple printable [toolkit](#) inclusive of the most important topics to help parents be better educated and informed. Inside, you'll find essential resources, tips, and checklists to ensure you and your child are prepared and organized for the academic year. From information on school safety, parental rights, opt out forms, Title IX amendment status and more, our [toolkit](#) has it covered. Whether you are in the carpool line, waiting during halftime of the game or drinking your coffee after the bus departs, this toolkit can be easily consumed!

Educating yourself is half the battle, but connecting with other like-minded parents in your local community is just as important for support, sharing information, and can make engaging and advocating less intimidating.

Being a part of something bigger than yourself and unlocking the boundless potential within our children begins with one simple act - **getting involved in education**. As parents, teachers, and mentors, we hold the key to shape a brighter future for the next generation. The journey towards a better tomorrow starts today, with the little hands we hold and the minds we nurture. Imagine what a network of EQUIPPED PARENTS could accomplish!

Be BRAVE! Your children need YOU now more than ever.




EQUIPPING PARENTS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

THE MOST EFFECTIVE FORCE OF CHANGE IN EDUCATION IS WELL-INFORMED AND EQUIPPED PARENTS.

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We hope these resources will be a catalyst to educating and engaging parents. You will continue to update our website as parents continue to bring up-to-date resources and a discussion.

PARENT MUST DO LIST

- READ STUDENT HANDBOOK/CODE OF CONDUCT/DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES
- REVIEW SYLLABUS & CURRICULUM FOR EACH CLASS
- REVIEW SLA BOOK LIST FOR THE YEAR (Request alternative options if necessary.)
- SUBMIT OPT OUT FORMS
- STORE IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES/DEADLINES IN CALENDAR
- STORE TEACHER & SCHOOL CONTACTS IN PHONE
- JOIN PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

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PARENT PORTAL LOGIN

TEACHER CONTACTS

FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

SCHOOL NURSE

PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT

SCHOOL SAFETY HOTLINE

TRANSPORTATION CONTACT

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PRINTABLE PARENT TOOLKIT

Click on the images below to access our toolkit topics of most importance.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

- Learn your rights as a parent and your student's rights.
- Parents have a legal right to privacy through federal privacy laws like FERPA & PPRA.

GET INFORMED



OPT OUT FORMS

- Your state may allow you to opt out of certain instruction, testing, data collection, surveys and more. Get educated on your state's policies.
- We provide opt out forms for Invasive Surveys, Gender Ideology, Sex Ed, SEL, and School-based Health Clinics.

TAKE ACTION!

TRANSPARENCY



- FOIA laws (Sunshine Laws) empower parents with a tool to keep school districts transparent and hold them accountable.

If parents are not getting answers to their questions, FOIA is a simple process and upheld by laws in every state.

GET INFORMED

TITLE IX PROTECTIONS

- Educate yourself on the Title IX Rewrite.
- Find out the school policy on restrooms, locker rooms, gender identity and overnight field trips.
- Take action immediately to secure protection for your child's school!



TAKE ACTION!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS READING?

- Freedom in Education has partnered with [RatedBooks.org](https://wwwRatedBooks.org) to educate parents and communities nationwide on the content in books found in school media centers.
- Search a vast database of reading material, and review detailed reports on each book that documents how it acquired its rating.

GET INFORMED

APPEALING CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL

- Visit your school system's website to locate the policies & procedures established by your school board, where you will search for a "Book Appeal Process" or "Controversial Material Appeal" policy.
- Educate yourself on the appeal process and learn the steps to identify offensive books in your local district and take appropriate action to effectively challenge those books.

TAKE ACTION!

CAMPUS AND DIGITAL SAFETY

IS MY CHILD SAFE AT SCHOOL?

- Read the school's Student Handbook Policies on Discipline & Safety.
- Does your school have a threat reporting hotline?
- Update your student's emergency contacts with the school.
- As new technologies emerge and online spaces evolve, educate yourself with the knowledge needed to keep students safe in the digital world at home and in school.

GET INFORMED.

COMMUNICATION TIPS

- **Effective communication** between parents and schools is vital to the educational success and well-being of children.
- Follow the recommended chain of command and **always document** communication in writing.

TALK ABOUT IT!

TAKE ACTION!

Parents, grandparents, teachers, and students are why grassroots organizations like Freedom In Education exist. We are here to assist in providing education, resources and investigating issues in the K-12 education realm. Your findings can always be submitted anonymously and have the potential make a BIG difference in the community!



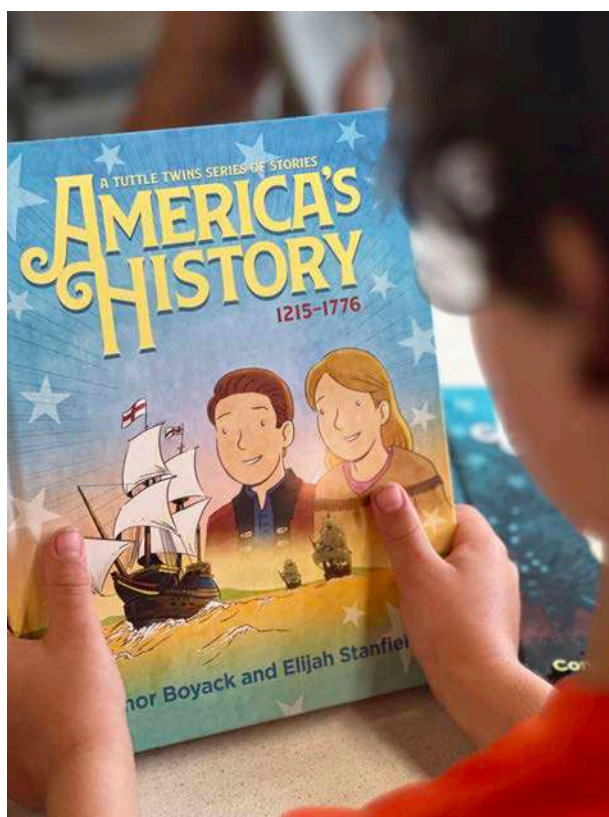
In this special 'Parent's Corner' episode, Co-Founder Miranda Stovall speaks to Midji, Kimberly Coleman and Sue Ann Grann about a myriad of obscenity stories across the country.

PARENTS' CORNER PODCAST



"Roadmap to Success"
By: Beanie Geoghegan, Freedom in Education Cofounder

READ THE BLOG



Our *'You Are What You Read'* campaign is dedicated to providing students with uplifting, wholesome books that inspire and educate.

If everyone who receives these Freedom in Education e-mails donated just \$10, we would be able to add 6100 more books to school libraries and classrooms reaching an additional 511 schools!

We invite you to participate by donating to our [Good Book Drive](#) or volunteering with Freedom in Education to spread the word in your own community. Your donation, *no matter the size*, will contribute to the success of our book drive and bring the gift of reading wholesome books to more schools across America. Together, we can nurture a generation of enthusiastic readers and support the mental health of all students!

DONATE \$10

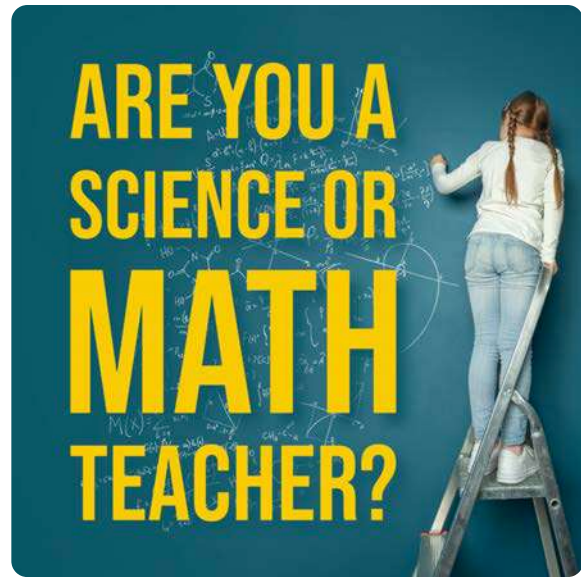


**BECOME AN
AMBASSADOR
FOR US!**

Freedom
in education

Freedom in Education is actively seeking Ambassadors!

Ambassadors could be parents, teachers, or community members who share our vision and mission. Our team will train, mentor, and support Ambassadors to champion the solutions we have created and endorsed to make K-12 education better for all children.



**ARE YOU A
SCIENCE OR
MATH
TEACHER?**

Are you interested in writing lesson plans? Would you like to journey on a new adventure to write STANDARDS?

Freedom in Education is looking for math and science teachers to join our Teacher Coalition. We have many new exciting projects we are working on in an effort to drive quick change in K-12 education. Contact us to get plugged in!

GET INVOLVED!

You can learn more about the solutions we champion at freedomined.org under the **SOLUTIONS** tab.

Financial Investment benefits:

Rigorous K-12 Academic Standards and Framework Development

Franklin Science Standards

Content-Rich K-12 Lesson Plans and Professional Development

Good Book Drive

Parental Support and Resources

Freedom of Information Requests (Open Records)

Teacher Coalition and Engagement

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