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## PARENTAL RIGHTS

- Learn [your rights](#) as a parent.
- Check your state's parental rights laws [here](#).
- Education on Federal Privacy Laws: [FERPA](#) & [PPRA](#)



## TITLE IX REWRITE

- Educate yourself on the [Title IX Rewrite](#)
- Take action immediately to [secure protection](#) for your child's school.



## CAMPUS AND DIGITAL SAFETY

- 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 [here](#).



## OPT OUT FORMS

- Depending on your [state](#), you may be able to opt out of certain instruction, testing and invasive surveys that are often given at the start of the school year. Learn more [here](#).
- Opt out forms for [Surveys](#), [Gender Ideology](#), [Sex Ed](#), SEL, and [School-based health clinics](#)



## BOOKS

- Freedom in Education has partnered with [RatedBooks.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.



## 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.



## STANDARDS VS. CURRICULUM

- Standards are defined by the state and dictate **WHAT** students should be learning in the public school system.
- Curriculum is knowledge and skills students are expected to learn as defined by state standards; the books, materials, videos, presentations, and readings used in a course; and the tests, assessments, and other methods used to evaluate student learning.
- If the curriculum does not map to state standards, you should **ALWAYS**, in writing, ask the teacher **WHY** it is being taught. Learn more [here](#).



## TRANSPARENCY

- [FOIA 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.
- [Sunshine laws](#) promote transparency by requiring certain proceedings of government agencies to be open or available to the public.



## COMMUNICATION

- [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.



## SHARE YOUR STORY

- [Freedom in Education](#) is here to be a voice for those who have been silenced, advocate for those who are unable, and listen to those ignored by others. You can freely share your findings, experiences and struggles in K-12 education [here](#).
- Courage is contagious; your stories could inspire others to make a difference in their community!

## DISCLAIMER

Nothing implied or stated here in this toolkit should be construed to be legal or professional advice. It is recommended that you seek the help of a qualified attorney if needed on matters pertaining to rights as a student, parent, guardian, or caregiver.



We hope these resources will be a catalyst to educating and engaging parents. We continually update our website so parents can access the most up-to-date information.

### STUDENT PORTAL LOGIN

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## → PARENT MUST DO LIST

- READ STUDENT HANDBOOK/CODE OF CONDUCT-DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES
- REVIEW SYLLABUS & CURRICULUM FOR EACH CLASS
- REVIEW ELA 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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## → TEACHER CONTACTS

## → FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

## → SCHOOL NURSE

## → PRINCIPAL

## → SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT

## → SCHOOL SAFETY HOTLINE

## → TRANSPORTATION CONTACT

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