

## Opt Out Process

### Step 1: Determine Opt Out Topics

Educate yourself on the topic (s) that you want to opt out of. Notification and forms *may* be provided at the beginning of the school year, often in a general or technical manner, such as through a school handbook, letter, or website. Call the school if information is needed.

### Step 2: Complete Written Objection

Access and complete the appropriate Opt Out form or third party template. Parents must submit a written request to the school.

### Step 3: Follow Opt out Submittal Instructions

Sign and submit a school-provided opt-out form, email third party form or your own written letter.

**Note:** Schools are required to provide alternative assignments, and no penalties are imposed on students who opt out.

## FAQ

### Q1: What activities can IL parents opt their child out of?

**A:** The opt-out topics for parents regarding specific educational content are primarily outlined in the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act (105 ILCS 5/27-9.1). **Currently** IL parents can opt out of these activities:

- Sex education
- Sexual abuse
- Family life (as it relates to health education)
- HIV / AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases
- Organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs
- Animal dissection
- How to administer CPR or use an AED

### Q2: What about the **6/27/25** Supreme Court, Mahmoud v Taylor decision?

**A:** Illinois and many schools have not updated their sites or written policies yet.



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## Do You Know Your Opt Out Rights?

**Opt Out**

- ✓ LGBTQ+ Instruction & Curriculum
- ✓ CSE, Comprehensive Sex Ed
- ✓ Personal Surveys & Questionnaires

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## Supreme Court Victory for Parents

On **June 27, 2025**, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark decision affirming that **parents have a constitutional right to shield their children from LGBTQ+ materials** in public school classrooms when it conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs.

## First Amendment Protection

The Court made clear that the First Amendment protects the religious upbringing of children—even at school. Schools must now provide reasonable notice and allow parents to opt their children out of LGBTQ+ materials.

## Why This Matters

As parents, you have the God-given right and responsibility to protect your child's innocence and raise them according to biblical truth.

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## Comprehensive Sex Education

Illinois' Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, aligns with the National Sex Education Standards, **includes discussions on topics such as gender identity, sexual orientation, and consent**, which may conflict with certain religious beliefs or moral frameworks.



## Parents may prefer to:

**Align with Faith-Based Values:** Teach sensitive topics at home, consistent with their religious doctrine.

**Maintain Parental Authority:** Ensure they are the primary source of guidance on moral and ethical issues related to sexuality.

**Address Age-Appropriateness:** Feel that certain topics, like explicit sexual health or gender discussions, are not suitable for their child's age or maturity level.

## Notes

- Schools must notify parents.
- Parents may request to review instructional materials.

## Student Surveys & Questionnaires

The **Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)**, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, empowers parents with legal rights to oversee their children's education in schools receiving federal funding. It ensures transparency in curriculum and protects students from intrusive surveys or activities without parental consent.

## Key Parental Rights

**Curriculum Review:** Parents can request and inspect all instructional materials, used in their child's education.

**Survey Protections:** Schools cannot require students to answer questions about sensitive topics like political beliefs, mental health, sexual behavior, illegal activities, family relationships, religious practices, or income without parental consent. Parents can review surveys and related materials created by external entities.

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