

MATCH CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 32A, the Match Charter Public School Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has adopted this policy on the rights of parents and guardians of our students in relation to curricula that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians of students at Match Charter Public School will be notified in writing of the courses and curricula we offer that primarily involve human sexual education or human sexuality issues. Parents of students who enroll in school after the start of the school year will be given the written notice at the time of enrollment. If the planned curriculum changes during the school year, to the extent practicable, parents/guardians will be notified of this fact in a timely manner before implementation.

Each such notice to parents/guardians will include a brief description of the curriculum covered by this policy, and will inform parents/guardians that they may:

1. Exempt their child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues, without penalty to the student, by sending a letter to the school principal requesting an exemption. Any student who is exempted by request of the parent/guardian under this policy may be given an alternative assignment.
2. Inspect and review program instruction materials for these curricula, which will be made reasonably accessible to parents/guardians and others to the extent practicable. Parents may arrange with the principal to review the materials at the school, and may also review them at other locations as may be determined by the school principal.

A parent who is dissatisfied with a decision of the principal concerning notice, access to instructional materials, or exemption for the student under this policy may send a written request to the Chief Operating Officer, with a copy to the Executive Director, for review of the issue. The Chief Operating Officer or designee will review the issue and give the parent a timely written decision, preferably within two weeks of the request. A parent who is dissatisfied with the Chief Operating Officer’s decision may send a written request to the Board for review of the issue. The Board will review the issue and give the parent a timely written decision, preferably within four weeks of the request. A parent who is still dissatisfied after this process may send a written request to the Commissioner of Education for review of the issue in dispute.

A copy of this policy will be distributed to each principal by September 1 of each year.

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