

# Parental Curriculum Opt-Out Request Form

To: \_\_\_\_\_ (School District / Superintendent / Principal)

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Request for Exemption from Specific Curriculum Materials or Instruction

Pursuant to the United States Supreme Court’s recognition of the fundamental rights of parents to direct the religious upbringing of their children in *Mahmoud v. Taylor*, 606 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2025):

*“Drawing on ‘enduring American tradition,’ we have long recognized the rights of parents to direct ‘the religious upbringing’ of their children... The right of parents ‘to direct the religious upbringing of their’ children would be an empty promise if it did not follow those children into the public school classroom.”*

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, respectfully request that my child be excused and not required to participate in, be present for, or be graded on any instructional materials, lessons, activities, projects, or discussions that:

- Violate or substantially conflict with my sincerely held religious beliefs;
- Interfere with my right to direct my child’s religious upbringing;
- Expose my child to religious or moral viewpoints that undermine our family’s religious teachings or practices.

## Specific curriculum content to be excluded:

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**Requested Accommodations (check all that apply):**

Advance written notice when the instruction will occur

Excusal with supervised alternative setting

Alternative educational assignments

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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