

Instruction**CURRICULAR EXEMPTIONS**Mandatory Curricular Exemptions:

Upon the written request of a parent or guardian received by the school district prior to planned instruction in the areas set forth below, the Norwich Board of Education shall permit curricular exemptions for instruction in the following areas:

1. Dissection;
2. Family life education; or
3. HIV/AIDS.

Definitions:

“Dissection Instruction” is defined as instruction in which a student must participate in, or observe, the dissection of any animal.

“Family Life Education Instruction” is defined as instruction pertaining to family planning, human sexuality, parenting, nutrition and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life.

“HIV/AIDS Instruction” is defined as ongoing and systematic instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) offered by the district pursuant to state law.

Written Request for Mandatory Exemption:

Parents who wish to exercise such exemptions must notify the school district in writing within the first two weeks of school.

Permissive Curricular Exemptions:

Except for the mandatory curricular exemptions noted above, or otherwise required by law, the Board does not require teachers to exempt students from any other aspect of the curriculum.

Alternative Assignments:

1. Any student excused from participating in, or observing, the dissection of any animal as part of classroom instruction shall be required to complete an alternate assignment to be determined by the teacher.

2. Any student excused from any other aspect of the curriculum may be required by the teacher to complete an alternative assignment as determined by the teacher.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-16c.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-16e.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-18d.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-19(b).
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 17a-101q

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NORWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Norwich, Connecticut

NORWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curricular Exemption Request Form

I request that my child be exempted from instruction in the following areas:

Check all that apply:

- 1. Dissection _____
- 2. Family life education _____
- 3. HIV/AIDS _____

I recognize that teachers may require my child to complete alternative assignments in lieu of the curricular instruction planned in the area of exemption.

This form must be completed annually and returned to the school principal by

Date

Name of Student (Please Print)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Or

Student's Signature (if 18 years of age)

Date