

## NOAH WEBSTER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PARENT OPT-OUT FORM

**BACKGROUND:** This form is for parents/legal guardians to use to opt their student out of instruction and activities that may conflict with their sincerely held religious beliefs. The basis of this opt-out request is the U.S. Supreme Court's affirmation of parents' constitutional right of free exercise of religion in the case of *Mahmoud v. Taylor*. This form was developed with the aid of the [Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty parent resources](#).<sup>1</sup> Please remove this cover page before sending it to your child's school administrator for opt-out.

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<sup>1</sup> Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, "Parent Opt Out Form," Parents, n.d., <https://will-law.org/parents/>

Dear School Administrator,

Per the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Mahmud v. Taylor*, issued in June 2025, I am exercising my Constitutional right as a parent to opt my child out of any school instruction or activities that conflict with my family's sincerely held religious and moral beliefs.

Our student, \_\_\_\_\_, is in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade. His/Her teacher is \_\_\_\_\_.

With this opt-out form, I am formally acknowledging and exercising my right as a parent by requesting that my child be removed from any classroom instruction or school-sponsored activity that falls under the following categories:

- Gender Ideology and Pride-Themed Instruction or Events
- Sex Education
- Race Instruction
- Religious Rituals or Practices
- Surveys and Questionnaires
- Mental Health Screenings
- Mandated Use of Preferred Pronouns
- Gender Identity Policies

I am opting out of school personnel recommending, promoting, or personally offering any library or classroom books on any of these topics to my students.

I formally request that, when applicable, my student be provided with reasonable alternative work or assignments that meet the district's standards and align with learning objectives without introducing topics, resources, assignments, activities, or other related learning materials that conflict with our religious beliefs.

I formally request that, when applicable, I receive advance notice of my student's removal from any content or activities due to the contents of this opt-out request. I request this advance notice each time my student is removed from content, instruction, or activities, especially if this removal warrants absence from the classroom or an alternative assignment. If notice cannot be given in advance, I request to be notified of my student's removal from content, instruction, or activities due to the content of this opt-out request.

I am submitting this opt-out request because the aforementioned topics and activities violate my family's sincerely held religious beliefs/moral beliefs as described below:<sup>2</sup>

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**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> Parents/guardians submitting this opt-out request should include a concise reason describing their reason for opting out. If the opt-out is being submitted on a religious basis, the only necessary explanation for submitting the request is your religious status (such as the religion your family practices and a brief affirmation of these deeply held religious beliefs). If this request is being submitted on a moral beliefs basis apart from religious beliefs, please provide a concise explanation of how these subjects, topics, or activities conflict with the moral affirmations of your family. **DELETE THIS FOOTNOTE BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR OPT-OUT REQUEST.**