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EXCEPTIONS TO USE OF SPECIFIC COURSE MATERIALS

The curriculum and course materials of the Hampton School District are designed to meet statutory requirements and include other areas of study deemed appropriate by the professional staff and the Board. The curriculum includes topics and materials that are age and ability appropriate to the students.

RSA 186:11, IX-c requires the Board to adopt a policy allowing an exception to specific course material based on a parent/guardian’s objection. The Board adopts this policy as required by that statute.

If parents/guardians object to specific course material, the parents/guardians must:

1. Notify the building principal in writing of the specific course material to which they object;
2. Provide a detailed written description or actual copy of the course material that they propose as an alternative to the district’s course material. That alternative material must meet applicable State requirements for education in the particular subject area; and
3. Provide a detailed description of how and when the alternative course material will be used to instruct the student at no cost to the district.
4. The district shall have no responsibility to instruct with the alternative course material.

The building principal and parents/guardians must agree in writing to use the alternative course material as a replacement for district course material.

The parents/guardians must provide appropriate documentation to the building principal that the student has successfully completed the agreed upon alternative course material. If the parents/guardians do not provide that documentation, the student will not receive credit for the work.

If the building principal and parents/guardians cannot agree on alternative course material, the Superintendent and/or designee may be requested to assist in resolving the matter. The procedure as set forth in Policy KEA will be adhered to.

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In accordance with State law, the names of the parents/guardians requesting exceptions to specific course material and their reasons shall remain confidential.

Statutory Reference

RSA 186:11, IX: Duties of State Board of Education

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