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OPT - OUT INFORMATION

PARENTS CAN OPT KIDS OUT OF LGBTQ BOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SUPREME COURT SAYS

<https://www.fox61.com/article/news/nation-world/supreme-court-maryland-parents-public-school-lgbtq-books/507-3f1ce10a-0f5d-4458-8901-b4f390527e17>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RESUMES PARENTAL OPT-OUT FOR LGBTQ LESSONS

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2025/aug/26/montgomery-county-public-schools-resumes-parental-opt-outs-lgbtq/>

MCPS INTRODUCES "REFRIGERATOR CURRICULUM"

<https://mocoshow.com/2025/08/28/mcps-introduces-refrigerator-curriculum/>

MCPS 1ST GRADE FEATURED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEXT

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EXPERT WARNS PARENTS OF HIDDEN AGENDAS, AS SCHOOL YEAR STARTS

<https://www.jns.org/expert-warns-parents-of-hidden-agendas-including-on-jew-hatred-as-school-year-starts/>

What is Your Child Learning in the Classroom? Here's What to Know

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MCPS Launches "Refrigerator Curriculum" to Strengthen Family Partnerships

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is rolling out a new initiative to make curriculum more transparent and family-friendly. Starting this school year, families will receive a simple, one-page overview of the main themes and texts students will study each marking period—nicknamed the "Refrigerator Curriculum" because it's designed to be easy to post on the fridge at home.

The new approach highlights MCPS' commitment to three key values:

- **Partnering with families:** Parents and guardians are recognized as their child's first teachers and are encouraged to stay engaged and informed.
- **Celebrating diversity:** Classroom materials reflect the cultures, traditions and life experiences of MCPS' diverse community, helping every student feel seen and valued.

- Respecting beliefs: A clear process allows families to request alternative assignments if a text conflicts with sincerely held religious views.

Think about it this way: Families stay informed. Students keep learning. Religious beliefs are respected.

Need to request to be excused from instruction? The process is simple and straightforward:

- Review the Refrigerator Curriculum at the start of each marking period.
- **Fill out the form** to request that your child be excluded from a text if that text substantially interferes with your family's religious beliefs. Here is the [link to the form](#).
- When you have completed the form, email it to curriculumoptout@mcpsmd.org
- If the request is approved, the teacher and principal will be notified, and your child will receive an alternative assignment or text at the same time the class is working on the original material.

It's that easy.

[refrigerator curriculum](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

STYLE OVER SUBSTANCE

https://brilliantresilience.substack.com/p/style-over-substance?utm_medium=ios

LETTER OF THE LAW APPLIED PRODUCES TRANSPARENCY OVERWHELM

<https://brilliantresilience.substack.com/p/letter-of-the-law-applied-produces>

BOOKS FOR GRADE 2 - 4 [lgbtq+ texts for use with benchmark unit 2 or 4](#) docs.google.com
(ASK YOUR TEACHER TO SEE THE INSTRUCTIONAL LESSONS THAT GO ALONG WITH THESE BOOKS)

RESPONDING TO CAREGIVERS/ COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w83IGfi0YwuO85EP7lvGEWjgcYgRU L1dcbKgv5t3HMo/edit?usp=share_link

SAMPLE STUDENT CALL-INS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BeSfnyU-_q9KnLH6GVc-TWsroumwisfYxZbat5EnM88/edit?usp=share_link

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS APPROVED

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1E3e109zcJt7IK8Dvw5gQ_6ZkCHoPz_TRhRYVOYmodoE/htmlview#gid=741893258

EXAMPLES

WOKE BOOKS

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1E3e109zcJt7IK8Dvw5gQ_6ZkCHoPz_TRhRYVOYmodoE/htmlview#gid=741893258

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK

NOT EXPLICITLY ABOUT ETHNICITY, HOWEVER, THE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE ALWAYS SURE TO INCLUDE RAINBOW FLAGS.

MY MADDY BOOK

ON THE SURFACE THERE IS NO WOKE THEME. HOWEVER, THE GIRL WEARS A RAINBOW SHIRT AND HAS "PROUD AND LOUD" POSTERS ON HER BEDROOM WALLS.

I'LL TRY TO GET COPIES OF LESSONS TO SHARE BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS, IT'S UP TO PARENTS TO READ EACH BOOK AND TO ASK TO SEE THE LESSONS. OTHERWISE, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT. MCPS IS FOLLOWING THE SUPREME COURT RULING BY GIVING PARENTS THE BARE MINIMUM. NO TRANSPARENCY HERE!