

TO: _____ (School Principal)
FROM: _____ (Parent or Legal Guardian of Student)
DATE: _____

RE: OPTING OUT OF CONTROVERSIAL CURRICULA RESOURCES & CLASSES

Dear _____ (Principal's Name),

I/we, _____ (Parent or Legal Guardian Name), are the parent(s) of _____ (Student's Name), a student at your school. This letter serves as a formal notice of the following:

OPTING OUT OF VERMILION, HILLSDALE CURRICULA & RELATED CONTROVERSIAL CURRICULA RESOURCES

- All curricula developed, influenced and/or advised by Vermilion Education (Vermilion)
- All curricula from Hillsdale College including but not limited to the Hillsdale 1776 curriculum, resources, resources recommended by Hillsdale College, overlays into existing curriculum and instructional resources used to inform my/our child's education
- All curriculum, resources from 1776 Unites and any curriculum recommendations based on or from 1776 Unites
- All curriculum, resources from Core Knowledge and any curriculum recommendations based on or from Core Knowledge
- All curriculum, resources from the Koch Brothers' Bill of Rights Institute and any curriculum recommendations based on or from the Bill of Rights Institute
- All curriculum, resources from PragerU and any curriculum recommendations based on or from PragerU

CURRICULA REVIEW REQUEST

PA Statute and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C § 1232h specifies that parents/legal guardians have a right to review curriculum. I/we request the following:

- Immediate access to all curriculum material, including teacher training materials recommended, suggested or influenced by Vermilion and the above educational resources, and
- Immediate access to all curriculum material, including teacher training materials recommended, suggested or influenced by Vermilion and the above educational resources for removal.

OUT OF 9th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE

I/we demand our 9th grade student be opted out of the 9th grade optional social studies course. Please contact me/us for alternative course selections for our child.

In accordance with PA code as 22 Pa Code § 4.4, parents/guardians have the inherent right to exempt their child from specific instruction that conflicts with their beliefs. Based on my/our evaluation of the content and recommendations from the controversial curricula resources, I/we find that they are highly inappropriate for my/our child's educational development.

I/we request that this opt-out apply to all current and future curricula that are developed and/or recommended by Vermilion and the above controversial curricula resources. Furthermore, I/we are requesting that any existing curriculum items/resources deleted, removed or superseded as a result of Vermilion and the above controversial curricula resources recommendation be given to my/our child as a part of their regular curriculum. Please reach out to coordinate changes that reflect the requests above.

Please provide us with confirmation of receipt of this notice. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Parent signature

Parent signature

cc: _____ (Assistant Principal)

K-12 Reading, English, and Language Arts Supervisor: Mrs. Sarah Raber, sraber@pennridge.org

K-12 Mathematics Supervisor: Mr. Howard Vogel, hvogel@pennridge.org

K-12 Science Supervisor: Mr. Eric Daney, edaney@pennridge.org

K-12 Social Studies Supervisor: Mrs. Jenna Vital, jvital@pennridge.org

WHAT TO DO

THE OPT-OUT NOTICE MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR

Note: These instructions are designed to assist you as a parent or guardian in completing the foregoing notice. These instructions should not be given to the school.

1) Check the boxes

Make copies and share Student Opt-Out Notice with other parents.

2) Make two copies of the completed notice. Then, sign and date each copy in ink.

3) Consider CC'ing copies of the Opt Out notice to the following:

- Pennridge School Board directors PSDSchoolboard@pennridge.org
- Nancy Chenoweth, Executive Assistant to Superintendent nchenoweth@pennridge.org
- Dr. Kathy Scheid, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Ed. kbrewster@pennridge.org
- Dr. Anthony Rybarczyk, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Ed. arybarczyk@pennridge.org
- your school's guidance counselor

4) Send the Opt-Out Notice to the school Principal and any CC'd recipients by Certified Mail, email, fax, or any other method whereby delivery can be confirmed. You do not need nor are you asking for "agreement" or "authorization." You only need proof that you delivered the Opt-Out Notice to the school.

5) Keep one copy (with the proof of receipt) for your family and ask that the school keep a copy in your child's school records (the cumulative file). Keep a signed copy for yourself.

6) Educate your children to report to you attempts to compel them to participate in classes or activities for which you have requested them to be opted-out.

7) Resubmit a copy of this Opt-Out Notice for each child when you enroll them for the next school year.

****Please know that this is for your general informational purposes only. While it is the hope that Pennridge SD will honor every parent or guardian request to opt their child out of specific curriculum, this opt out letter cannot dictate the school's response.****