

Mahmoud v. Taylor

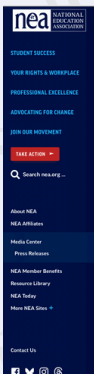
June 27, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the recent Mahmoud v. Taylor Supreme Court decision, we urge you to review and sign the necessary forms to document your preferences regarding your child's participation in certain classroom lessons. These forms allow you to exercise your parental rights concerning the content your child is exposed to in school. However, please be aware that while these forms provide legal standing in cases of intentional exposure to specific topics—such as inclusion language or LGBTQ-related content—by teachers or digital platforms, they cannot prevent your child from encountering such information through peer interactions.

The National Education Association (NEA), led by President Becky Pringle, has described its commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as core, sacred values. Some teachers align closely with this perspective, which may influence their approach to classroom instruction. As parents, it's critical to understand the beliefs and backgrounds of those educating your children. Entrusting your child's education to others involves risks, and it's up to you to weigh how much ideological alignment—or divergence—you are comfortable with.

We encourage you to research your child's teachers, review their curricula, and ensure the signed forms reflect your preferences. This proactive step helps safeguard your rights and ensures your voice is heard in your child's education.



Remarks as prepared for delivery by Becky Pringle, President, National Education Association, to the 104th Representative Assembly

Pringle addressed NEA delegates during their meeting in Portland, Oregon, July 3-6, 2025.



THE SACRED TRINITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

DEI
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Notice I said the words: Diversity. Equity. Inclusion. We cannot allow this administration, or anyone else, to reduce these three sacred values to a simple, three-letter slur.

Subject Line: Request for Information on Opt-Out Policies Following Mahmoud v. Taylor Supreme Court Ruling

Dear [School District Superintendent/Board of Education],
In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Mahmoud v. Taylor (June 27, 2025), which upholds parents' rights to opt their children out of public school instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs, I am reaching out to understand how [School District Name] is implementing this ruling. Specifically, I would like clarification on the following:

- What steps is the district taking to ensure parents are notified in advance about curriculum materials, such as storybooks or lessons, that may conflict with religious beliefs, including but not limited to topics related to gender and sexuality?
- What is the district's process for parents to request an opt-out for their children from specific lessons or materials that may undermine their religious values, as protected under the Mahmoud v. Taylor decision?
- Are there written policies or guidelines in place to accommodate religious objections to curriculum content, and if so, how can parents access them? If not, when will such policies be established to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling?

As a parent concerned about my child's education and religious upbringing, I appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to respecting parental rights as affirmed by the Supreme Court. Please provide a response within [insert reasonable timeframe, e.g., 10 business days] and let me know how I can stay informed about updates to district policies.

Sincerely,
[Parent's Full Name]
[Contact Information, e.g., email or phone number]
[Optional: Child's School Name]

cc: School Board Members

Dear Superintendent [Name], School Board Members, Principal [Name], Assistant Principal [Name], and Director of Curriculum (Name),

Pursuant to the June 27, 2025, Supreme Court ruling in Mahmoud v. Taylor and our sincerely held religious beliefs, I am exercising my right to immediately opt my children—[Child Names]—out of all LGBTQ+-related texts, surveys, and curricula (print or non-print, digital, etc.) in their public schools, IN EVERY SUBJECT and teaching period.

American schools often adopt policies on gender identity that conflict with our deeply held religious beliefs. Accordingly, we are opting our children out of mandatory preferred pronoun usage and shared locker rooms and bathrooms with individuals of the opposite biological sex. These practices are inconsistent with our faith and are now protected against by constitutional and statutory law.

Please confirm receipt of this request before school starts and outline how the district will implement the Mahmoud v. Taylor decision.

Specifically, I request details on:

- 1. How and when the district will comply with the ruling and update its gender identity policies.**
- 2. The process for notifying parents in advance about any upcoming LGBTQ+-related lessons, including those on gender identity.**
- 3. The disciplinary measures for any teacher, principal, or school that fails to honor this opt-out request.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**Sincerely,
[Your Name]**

cc: (Family Attorney, Senator, Representatives, School Board Members, State School Superintendent, State School Board Members, etc.)