

Keeping Your Child Safe in Public School

Public schools have taken on the role of social engineers and are increasingly slipping sex and gender messages into the curricula, and not just in family life education (FLE) units during health class. From inviting transgender adults to read transgender storybooks to kindergartners, to showing TED Talks from the Mermaids transgender organization during sixth-grade classes, to handing out genderbread and gender unicorn diagrams and then quizzing students on them, public schools have proven over and again that they are no longer institutions parents can trust with their children's innocence, or their sense of what's true and real.

Following are some suggestions to help parents become more aware of what's happening at school, and to let teachers and administrators know that parents are paying attention.

You may not have the time or energy to do everything on this list, and that's okay. Do what you can. If you can do nothing else, we recommend connecting with other parents in the schools who have similar concerns to yours, and then working together as a team.

"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

Abraham Lincoln



First and most importantly, talk to your kids about your family's perspective on these issues. You may think your children know what your family believes about a controversial issue, but they may not. Younger children accept what trusted adults tell them, and the drivers behind this hyper-sexualization agenda are taking full advantage of that fact. Teachers and administrators are directly and frequently teaching our children, K-12, things about sex and gender which oppose what many families believe. If you need help having these conversations with your kids, talk with a trusted professional like a pastor, counselor, teacher, or therapist who has a similar perspective on the issue to yours.

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- Request the syllabus, reading list, and copies of all materials that will be used in your child's classrooms in advance, from every teacher. Teachers submit lesson plans to their principals, and you can request that those plans be sent to you as well. Be aware that many teachers and staff members are not on board with the public school sex-ed agenda, but they are not free to express dissent and may rightly fear losing their jobs if they do. Such teachers may prefer to speak with you in person or by phone, rather than create a written record. (See the Teacher Curriculum Request Letter)
- Send your principal and cc: your child's teachers a Universal Opt-Out Letter not only for all FLE curricula, but also anything related to human sexuality, transgender issues, homosexuality and/or sexual orientation, family composition, and gender identity. Although parental rights are under assault in schools and nationwide, parents are still the final authorities with respect to their children's protection and education. (See the FLE Opt-Out Letter)
- Do your research on each of your child's teachers. Get teachers' names from your child or the school directory, or call the front office to ask for names. Peruse Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and/or other social media profiles. See what your child's teachers discuss, who they follow and like, and who their friends are in the school system and elsewhere. Follow/friend them anywhere you are able to

- do so. Google them to look for their names in news articles, letters to the editor, or for their group affiliations. It's usually not very difficult to determine if your child's teacher has an activist perspective toward topics with which you might be uncomfortable.
- Sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom and to go on field trips whenever possible. If you're able to be a room parent, do it. If you can volunteer once a month, do it. If your school has a day when parents stuff folders and collate papers, be there every time. The more you are there, the more you will see and hear what is really going on at your school. This is a sacrifice of your time and energy, but there's nothing like your physical presence to keep the school aware that parents are paying attention.
- Form a support network with other concerned parents at your school. If you haven't yet connected with other like-minded parents, contact your local parents' rights organization (if you have one), or contact Advocates Protecting Children and we will try to help you connect with others in your district. You are not alone.
- Subscribe to Advocates Protecting Children if you haven't already done so. You'll receive blog posts and new information as soon as it is posted, and you'll join thousands of other parents around the country who are pushing back against these systematic, aggressive, and nefarious social engineering experiments.



