

## Parents' Rights & School Curriculum: Navigating Opt-Out Requests

More frequently than ever, parents are asking schools to restrict race and gender conversations, to remove certain books from school libraries, and to allow their student to opt-out of particular lessons, activities, and subjects.

This "lunch and learn" will provide school administrators with a comprehensive overview of Illinois law in regard to parents' rights to "opt-out" or make modifications to required curricula. The session will review legal requirements for inspection of and objection to curricular materials based on the Illinois School Code and Federal law, a process for determining the validity of such objections, and best practice for responding to parents without being caught in the crossfire of the cultural war. The session will also cover legal requirements for K-12 curriculum, requirements for teaching of controversial subjects, and best practices for developing curricula and selecting materials.

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