



## Capitol Resource Institute

### Back to School Checklist for Parents

- ☐ Find out what they are teaching for sexual education.
- ☐ Does the school district require teachers to attend equity or diversity training?
- ☐ Find out your rights regarding opting students out of controversial subjects.
- ☐ Learn what clubs are active on your child's school campus.
- ☐ Find out if your school has a student newspaper and subscribe. There are often announcements, op-eds, and advertisements in student newspapers concerning controversial matters on campus, such a LGBT club activity, etc.
- ☐ Find out if the school has a student club for progressive activism. Get on their email list.
- ☐ Find out the school policy on restrooms, locker rooms, and gender identity.
- ☐ Find out if your child can be released for confidential medical services without a parent's knowledge.

## **Questions to consider while reviewing your student's textbooks and learning materials**

- ☐ Is it anti-parent? (Does it imply that parents are ignorant/old fashioned?)
- ☐ Does it instruct the child to keep secrets from the parents?
- ☐ Does it encourage a negative view of the child, his family, his country, or his future?
- ☐ Is it preoccupied with death, tragedy, hate, anger, revenge etc.? (e.g. Requires the child to write out his own epitaph.)
- ☐ Is it anti-religion? Does it lead the child to reject morals and values taught at home or church?
- ☐ Does it lead the child to believe there are no absolute standards? (Morality is relative and depends on the situation)
- ☐ Does it encourage experimentation with sex, alcohol, or drugs?
- ☐ Does it censor out all knowledge of the importance of religion in American history?
- ☐ Does it force the child to make choices based on hypothetical situations and decide if it is okay to lie, cheat, steal, kill, have sex outside of marriage, have an abortion, or commit suicide?
- ☐ Does it force the child to answer questionnaires about the family's attitudes, behaviors, customs, and political views that invade privacy?
- ☐ Does it blur traditional concepts of gender identity and marriage?