

# Steps to Take Back Your School:

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**Public information request letters can provide the information you need to start the process of protecting your children from harmful materials taught in the classroom.**

## Steps to take to find out if your school is indoctrinating your children:

1. Use the template, below, to request information from your school.
2. Revise to meet your needs.
3. Mail or email to the superintendent and president of the board of education of your school. If you decide to mail, certified mail will provide proof that your request was received.

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Date

Superintendent Name/School Board President Name  
School District Name  
School District Address

Dear Superintendent/School Board President (Last Name):

This is a Public Information Request for a copy of the following:

My child is a student at (insert school name) in grade (insert grade level of your child). I request that you provide copies of any and all materials shared with my child including:

lesson plans, instruction manuals, textbooks, proposals from and materials being used from outside contractors, documents, emails, voicemails, charts, graphics, other teaching materials and any other supplemental material used by the school district to instruct students, teachers, staff, or parents about any of these topics during the period of September 1, 2020 and the date of this request:

Please include any specific materials on:

- The 1619 Project
- Black Lives Matter
- Marxist Ideology
- Critical Race Theory
- Culturally responsive training
- Concepts addressing white supremacy, white fragility, race essentialism, collective guilt
- Social justice, inclusion, equity and diversity issues
- Race-based harassment, discrimination, stereotyping or bullying
- Action civics, new civics, project-based civics
- Gender identity, gender transition, trans-genderism

I would prefer that the requested information be sent in electronic form to (insert your email address) or, where electronic sharing is not possible, to the address indicated below. Give them a date when you expect to receive back the information—usually 7-14 days. Tell them that Time is of the Essence.

As a taxpayer who funds this school district I hereby request that you waive any and all fees associated with the costs for reproducing or e-mailing the requested information. Alternatively, please inform me of the cost of providing this information prior to providing it.

Should you have any questions concerning this Public Information Request or my request for a waiver of fees, please do not hesitate to contact me at (insert your email and/or telephone number). I look forward to your prompt attention to this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Name  
Phone  
Email  
Address

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4. If you have not received a response within a the time frame, follow up with a phone call to make sure your request was received and when you might expect a response. You do not have to explain why you have made the request.

5. If you receive a response that none of the requested materials are used in the schools, reply with a thank you and request notification if any change in policy is being considered or instituted; in regards to the materials previously noted.
6. If materials are presented pertinent to your request, review them and if you find them objectionable, write to the SUPERINTENDENT AND THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT and inform them that you find the materials objectionable. That the materials are not consistent with the values you have for your child. And, demand that all objectionable materials be removed from the classroom and the school immediately.
7. If materials are not removed after your request, consider writing a letter to the local newspaper and/or post information on a local social media account. Describe the materials you find objectionable and urge other parents and community members to contact the School Board President and Superintendent to demand the materials be removed. (You may want to start a new social media account addressing these issues in your community).
8. If your requests continue to be disregarded, you may decide to contact an attorney – and/or -
9. You may decide to organize your community to vote down the next levy. Make it clear that you will work to defeat every levy until the objectionable materials are removed – and/or -
10. You may find like-minded people in your community to run for school board.

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**Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.60 (G) - Details materials to which you are entitled:**

(G) Upon the request of any parent or legal guardian of a student, the board of education of any school district shall permit the parent or guardian to promptly examine, with respect to the parent's or guardian's own child:

- (1) Any survey or questionnaire, prior to its administration to the child;
- (2) Any textbook, workbook, software, video, or other instructional materials being used by the district in connection with the instruction of the child;
- (3) Any completed and graded test taken or survey or questionnaire filled out by the child;
- (4) Copies of the statewide academic standards and each model curriculum developed pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, which copies shall be available at all times during school hours in each district school building.

**Link to Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.60(G):**

**[https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.60?fbclid=IwAR25yFVeKbdmL3kqKYRlr7G3pgeVhIV0E\\_XnF2dOTyaArMwUuduL7G7pbtw](https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.60?fbclid=IwAR25yFVeKbdmL3kqKYRlr7G3pgeVhIV0E_XnF2dOTyaArMwUuduL7G7pbtw)**