

Deborah Brown Community School
Parental Rights Policy

The Deborah Brown Community School (DBCS) Board believe that parents have the right to rear their children according to certain values and beliefs. Parents also have the right to bring up their children without interference unless the child's wellbeing is put at risk. Therefore, the Board directs the DBCS Administration to develop procedures to include: (1) parental rights, (2) information rights, (3) State compliance procedures and (4) communication with parents.

Parental Rights

Advance Written Notice: In regards to sex or sexuality rights, parents have the right to receive advance written notice for any class, program, curriculum, instruction, test, survey, questionnaire, or other instructional material that relates to sexual behavior, sexual attitudes or sexuality, including gender identity or sexual orientation.

Classroom Material Inspection: Parents have the right to inspect classroom materials related to Sex or Sexuality Education.

Access to Material: DBCS will make all parts of the material easily accessible to parents upon request.

Information Rights

No Withholding of Information: DBCS staff are prohibited from encouraging or coercing students to withhold information from parents.

Time Disclosure: DBCS will disclose important information to parents about a student's health, social or psychological development, including identity information within thirty (30) days after learning it.

State Compliance Procedures

If a parent or guardian believes there has been a violation of parental rights, they can:

- File a Complaint: File a written complaint with the DBCS Board of Education at (918) 425-1407. If not satisfied, parents/guardians should file a written complaint with the State Department of Education, providing details of the alleged violation by visiting sde.ok.gov/awareity.
- DBCS Notification: The Department will notify DBCS within fourteen (14) days and allow them to respond.
- Investigation: The Department will investigate to determine if a violation occurred and inform both the parent and DBCS of the results.
- Board Review: If a violation is found or suspected, parents may request a hearing before the State Board of Education within fourteen (14) days of receiving the notice.

Communication with Parents

Timely notices will be given to parents regarding their complaint.

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Media Policy

The Deborah Brown Community School (DBCS) Board and Administration support the concept of protecting children in the learning environment and will develop a media procedure which includes a process for material review and complainant process for parents who disagree with material displayed in library books or other materials. The ***DBCS Administration will ensure that its library will not contain pornographic material or other material with sexualized content.***

To ensure the library is free of pornographic material or other material with sexualized content, the Administration will include an accurate and complete listing of books in central library and classroom libraries. A committee of administrators, teachers and a least two parents will meet annually to ensure for appropriate library books and materials before being made available to students. The Administration will also include a complainant process. The complainant process will give parents an opportunity to address concerns regarding books or materials used by DBCS students. The Board strongly encourages parents to come forward with their complaints regarding media, including library books or other materials used by DBCS students.

How to File a Complaint

To submit a complaint regarding media materials or including library books, you should:

- file a written complaint with the DBCS Board of Education providing details of any alleged violation.
- contact the DBCS Administration at (918) 425-1407 to discuss your concerns.
- give your name, home address, telephone number and e-mail address. You should also identify yourself as a parent or concerned citizen.
- give a detailed description of your complaint.

Resolution of Concern

- If it can be determined by the Administration that your concern is valid, the materials will be removed from DBCS.
- If there is a disagreement between you and the Administration regarding the appropriateness of the material, you can file an appeal at the next available DBCS Board of Directors meeting for a final decision.
- If you disagree with the DBCS Board of Education decision, you may file a written complaint with the State Board of Education providing details of the alleged violation by visiting **sde.ok.gov/awareity**.

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