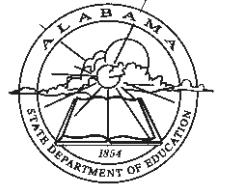




STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

September 26, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Posting of Classroom Curricula on School Website

This year, the Alabama Legislature passed Act 2024-35 regarding the posting of classroom curricula. In accordance with Act 2024-35 (“the Act”), codified at Ala. Code § 16-1-57 (1975), at the beginning of each school year, and no later than **thirty (30) calendar days** after a new or revised curriculum is adopted, each school must post the current adopted curricula for each class on the school’s website. If a school does not have a website, the curricula shall be posted on the local board of education’s website. If neither website exists, it will need to be posted on the Alabama State Department of Education’s (ALSDE) website. The local superintendent of education and local board of education shall verify compliance with the Act.

Furthermore, upon request by a parent or guardian of an enrolled child, classroom teachers must provide a detailed summary of instructional materials, supplementary instructional materials, and books available in the classroom. If additional information or physical examination of materials is requested, parents or guardians of an enrolled child can request that the local board of education facilitate this at the next work session. The local board shall notify the parent or guardian and the teacher of the issues involved of the date and time of the next work session.

For a class in which reading books is required, the classroom teacher must list each required book’s title on the syllabus and provide the syllabus to the parent or guardian upon request.

If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this Act, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the local superintendent of education on a form developed and provided by the local superintendent of education.

If the local complaint is not resolved within **ten (10) school days**, the parent or guardian may then file a complaint with the ALSDE using the attached complaint form. Completed forms should be emailed to CurriculaPosting@alsde.edu.

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On or before **October 1**, the ALSDE shall annually report the total number of complaints filed during the previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of Representatives Education Policy Committee.

If you have any questions concerning the completion of the ALSDE complaint form, please contact Ms. Tina Hammonds, Director of Government Relations, at tina.hammonds@alsde.edu.

EGM:HEL

Attachments

cc: Mr. J. Jason Swann
Mrs. Angela Martin

FY24-1002

Alabama State Department of Education Curricula Posting Complaint Form

Under Alabama Act 2024-35 (“the Act”), codified at Ala. Code § 16-1-57 (1975), a parent or guardian of a student may file a complaint with the state when **all of the following** have occurred:

1. The parent or guardian made a request, as provided by law, to the enrolled student’s classroom teacher for the covered educational materials.
2. The parent or guardian of the enrolled student submitted a completed complaint on a form provided by the local superintendent of education.
3. The local superintendent did not resolve the complaint within ten (10) **school days** (as opposed to calendar days).

Parents or guardians of an enrolled student who meet the above conditions shall use this form to submit a complaint. Please email this form to CurriculaPosting@alsde.edu.

Local Complaint Information

Please provide the following information:

1. Classroom Teacher’s Name: (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) _____
2. Classroom Teacher’s School System: _____
3. Classroom Teacher’s School: _____
4. Date you submitted your initial request for materials or information to the classroom teacher: _____
5. Name of the student who is enrolled in the classroom teacher’s class: _____
6. Name of the class/subject in question: _____

Please **ATTACH** the following:

1. A copy of the initial request for educational materials and any response(s) from the classroom teacher. Please note that the materials must be those specified in Ala. Act 2024-35. A copy of the Act is attached to this form.
2. A copy of the complaint to the local superintendent and any response(s) from the local superintendent.

Please note that any documents submitted will not be returned.

Your Contact Information

Name and Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: (Specify Type: Cell/Home/Work) _____

Alternate Telephone Number: (Specify Type: Cell/Home/Work) _____

County: _____

Relationship to the Student: _____

Verification

I hereby affirm that I am a parent or guardian of the student enrolled in a class taught by the above-named classroom teacher, that I requested educational materials and/or information covered under the Act from the same classroom teacher, that when I did not receive the covered materials or information I filed a complaint as provided by law with the local superintendent on the locally provided form, and that the local superintendent did not resolve my request within ten (10) school days.

Signature

Date



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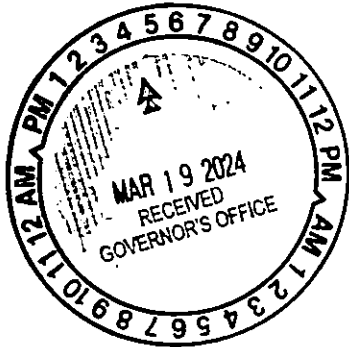
1 SB48

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3 By Senators Reed, Livingston, Waggoner, Albritton, Jones,
4 Barfoot, Butler, Givhan, Bell, Kitchens, Orr, Chambliss,
5 Allen, Price, Roberts, Weaver, Williams, Hovey, Carnley,
6 Sessions, Shelnett, Kelley, Chesteen, Elliott, Gudger, Stutts,
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8 RFD: Education Policy

9 First Read: 06-Feb-24





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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public preK-12 education; to require the posting of classroom curricula on the website of the school; to permit parents or guardians of enrolled students, upon request, to request information on instructional and supplemental materials used in the classroom; to provide a complaint process; and to provide for the reporting of the number of complaints to the State Superintendent of Education and the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) At the beginning of each school year, and no later than 30 calendar days after a new or revised curriculum is adopted, the local superintendent of education and local board of education shall verify that each school under the jurisdiction of the board has posted current adopted curricula for each class on the website of the school. Access to the online curricula shall be made available to students, parents, or guardians of enrolled students through the school website. If a school has no accessible website, the curricula shall be posted on the website of the local board of education or the State Department of Education.

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29 (b) Each classroom teacher shall comply with the
30 request of any parent or guardian by providing a detailed
31 summary, by email, telephone, or other electronic means, of
32 instructional materials adopted by the local board of
33 education, supplementary instructional materials in the
34 classroom that were not adopted by the local board of
35 education, and books in the classroom that are available for
36 students to read, subject to all of the following:

37 (1) Only the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in
38 the class may make a request pursuant to this subsection.

39 (2) If a parent or guardian would like further
40 information regarding how the instructional materials relate
41 to the content standards adopted by the State Board of
42 Education or to physically examine any instructional materials
43 used in the classroom, the parent or guardian may request that
44 the local board of educational allow that examination at the
45 next work session of the board. The board shall notify the
46 parent or guardian and the teacher of the issues involved and
47 the date and time of the next work session.

48 (c) For any class in which reading books is required,
49 the classroom teacher shall include the titles of the books on
50 a class syllabus. Upon the request of the parent or guardian
51 of a child enrolled in the class, the classroom teacher shall
52 make the syllabus available to the parent or guardian.

53 (d) If a classroom teacher fails to comply with this
54 section, the parent or guardian may file a complaint with the
55 local superintendent of education on a form developed and
56 provided by the local superintendent of education. If the

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57 complaint is not resolved by the local superintendent of
58 education within 10 school days, the parent or guardian may
59 file a complaint with the State Superintendent of Education,
60 or his or her designee. The State Superintendent of Education
61 shall make a form available for parents or guardians to file a
62 complaint pursuant to this subsection.

63 (e)(1) On or before September 1 annually, each local
64 superintendent of education shall report the number of
65 complaints filed with him or her during the previous school
66 year to the State Superintendent of Education. On or before
67 October 1 annually, the State Superintendent of Education
68 shall report the total number of complaints filed during the
69 previous school year, statewide and by county, to the Chairs
70 of the Senate Education Policy Committee and the House of
71 Representatives Education Policy Committee.

72 (2) Any complaint filed by a parent or guardian
73 pursuant to this section is an educational record of the
74 student on whose behalf the complaint was filed and shall not
75 be released or viewed, except as provided in this section and
76 where the release or viewing is otherwise consistent with the
77 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
78 (FERPA) and state law.

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
80 2024.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 08-Feb-24

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Amended and passed: 07-Mar-24

Senate concurred in House amendment 19-Mar-24

By: Senator Reed

APPROVED 3-21-2024
TIME 8:30 am

Kay Ivey
GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State
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SENATE ACTION

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, SB 48.
yeas 35 nays 0 abstain 0
PATRICK HARRIS,
Secretary

I hereby certify that the notice & proof is attached to the Bill, SB _____ as required in the General Acts of Alabama, 1975 Act No. 919.
PATRICK HARRIS,
Secretary

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Senate Conferees _____

HOUSE ACTION

DATE: 2-8 2024
RD 1 RFD EP

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on Education Policy was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the House with the recommendation that it be Passed, w/amendment 1 w/sub 1.
This 28th day of February, 2024.
Joni Collins, Chairperson

DATE: 2-28 2024
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DATE: _____ 20____
RE-REFERRED RE-COMMITTED
Committee _____

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YEAS 96 NAYS 2
JOHN TREADWELL,
Clerk

FURTHER HOUSE ACTION (OVER)