



DID YOU KNOW?

## PARENTS RIGHTS IN THE STATE OF UTAH

Current parental rights that are written into law

Utah law provides "that parents retain the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of their children. There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent's decisions are in the child's best interests."

### Parents have a RIGHT to Education and Academic Accommodations

A student's parent is the primary person responsible for the education of the student, and the state is in a secondary and supportive role to the parent. As such, a student's parent has the right to reasonable academic accommodations from the student's LEA as specified in this section. (Utah Code § 53G-6-803)

### Parents have the RIGHT to raise, manage and educate their children as they see fit

The state of Utah recognizes that parents have the "right, obligation, responsibility, and authority to raise, manage, train, educate, provide and care for, and reasonably discipline their children" (Utah Code § 62A-4a-201) and "supports parents through a responsive educational system that guarantees local school communities autonomy, flexibility, and client choice" (Utah Code § 53E-2-301-3).

<p><b>Schools are REQUIRED to respect the interests of the PARENTS</b></p>	<p><b>CONTROVERSIAL topics may not be taught in Utah schools</b></p>	<p><b>By Law Parents have the RIGHT to request a teacher and visit the classroom</b></p>
<p>In the implementation of "all policies, programs, and responsibilities, the Utah Legislature, the state school board, local school boards, and charter school governing boards" are required to "respect, protect, and further the interests of parents in their children's public education" (Utah Code § 53E-2-201-2(a))</p>	<p>Furthermore "political, atheistic, sectarian, religious, or denominational doctrine may not be taught in the public schools except as provided in Section 53G-10-202" (Utah Code § 53G-10-402)</p>	<p>An LEA shall reasonably accommodate a parent's initial selection of a teacher or request for a change of teacher.</p> <p>An LEA shall reasonably accommodate the request of a student's parent to visit and observe any class the student attends. (Utah Code §53G-6-803)</p>

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