Board Governance KBB

#### PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS POLICY

At Lionheart Classical Academy (LCA), we believe parents own the fundamental responsibility for their children's education. The school's role, at most, should be viewed as a supportive one. Classical education relies upon a close partnership between parent and teacher. Because a classical school aims for more than just supervising students, or training them for careers, parental involvement is essential.

As accordance with HB 10, this policy, consistent with the <u>LCA Student & Family Handbook</u>, sets forth:

#### (a) Parent & Teacher Cooperation

(i) The <u>LCA Student & Family Handbook</u> outlines expectations and procedures that define the partnership between parents, teachers, students and staff. Each year, the Handbook is reviewed and changes are made in an effort to improve that partnership. All parents and students annually agree to the **Student** and **Parent Pledge** which requires all to uphold and commit to the Lionheart Honor Code. The Honor Code serves as a call to virtuous living and constant improvement.

## (b) How to Learn about Classical Curriculum

(i) Lionheart encourages all parents to become familiar with classical education. Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School is a licensee of the <a href="Hillsdale College's K-12 Program Guide">Hillsdale College's K-12 Program Guide</a>. Parents can learn more about our curriculum and the mission of our school by visiting our <a href="Website">website</a>. LCA invites parents to schedule observations of our classrooms to see firsthand what your student is learning and how such learning occurs in a classical school. When you have questions about something your student is learning or a method used by a teacher, parents should ask their student's classroom teacher.

# (c) How to Object to Instructional Materials

(i) Parents may object to instruction materials (for purposes of this section, the term "instructional materials" shall include, without limitation, all materials used in the classroom, including workbooks and worksheets, handouts, software, applications, and any digital media made available to students based on be based on beliefs regarding morality, sex, and religion or the belief that such materials are harmful) by informing their student's classroom teacher in writing. As outlined in the LCA Student & Family Handbook, parents will be notified of movies or guest speakers that

support curriculum instruction often with a permission slip and given the opportunity to excuse their student.

### (d) How to Withdraw from Sex Education

(i) As required by the State of NH, as part of the science curriculum, LCA 5th grade students will learn about human reproductive organs, reproduction, and the menstrual cycle. The class will be taught in a gender-separated environment. Parents will receive notification of the class and content. Parents will have the choice of having their children opt out of this portion of the class, which will be taught during the regular science time.

# (e) How to Learn about LCA After-school Clubs, Extracurriculars and Classroom Activities

(i) As outlined in the <u>LCA Student & Family Handbook</u>, the purpose of clubs and extracurriculars is to enhance the classical curriculum. A wide variety of clubs are offered at Lionheart Classical Academy each semester. Parents are notified of club opportunities via the school website, the weekly e-mail newsletter, and the various student information systems available to them. Sports, clubs and other extracurricular activities are optional and registration is at the discretion of the parents.

#### (f) How to Learn about Parent Rights Responsibilities

(i) LCA shall publish the parental bill of rights as set forth in RSA 189-B:4, as well as this approved policy KBB - Parental Bill of Rights, on the website and in their Student & Family handbook.

# **Legal References:**

• RSA 189-B, Parental Bill of Rights

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