

## Methodology

- 1) **We filed formal information requests** with school districts, using state public disclosure laws such as Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA), Right-to-Know laws, and Public Disclosure acts. These laws declare that people have a right to obtain documents from public agencies pertaining to governance, including the education of children. Some of the laws impose deadlines by which agencies must respond. Many agencies, including various schools, set up procedures people must use to file information requests.

For purposes of this methodology section we will use the term “FOIA” to refer to all public disclosure requests, even though some states use different terminology.

The team has filed scores of FOIA requests with 27 school districts in different states. We have received piles of lessons and policies promoting “gender identity” from four school districts in Minnesota, New Jersey, Texas and Washington. Another four districts in Florida, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Virginia provided more moderate amounts of materials which were comparatively vague and piecemeal with respect to spotlighting what is being taught about gender identity ideology.

We are still awaiting responses from seven school districts in seven states (Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, New York, North Dakota and Oregon). Those who filed FOIA requests in Portland, Oregon and in New York City, New York have had the anticipated date for receiving materials pushed back by the school districts more than once. If it meets its latest estimated date of delivery, the New York City district will deliver its materials nearly a year after the FOIA request was submitted.

Seven districts sent replies in which they stated that there were no “gender identity” materials to provide, implying or stating expressly that those districts did not yet promote gender identity ideology.

Finally, in ten instances, we learned that we had sent the requests to the wrong party, or that there was some other procedural flaw in our request. We have not followed up on those, pursuing instead the many other leads our work has uncovered. The project is ongoing, and welcomes more volunteer help.

- 2) **We searched school district websites for curricula.** In Seattle, for example, we applied for access to a website containing the district’s Sex-Ed lessons. The response to our FOIA request mentioned that we should do that, without specifying where to look in the lengthy Sex-Ed materials. We skimmed through them, discovering “gender identity”-drenched lessons, not just in the SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) units, but also in units on reproductive anatomy, puberty, and sexual reproduction.

- 3) **We searched Google for school policies related to gender identity ideology.** These policies are ubiquitous. (We only searched for them in some districts to provide a sampling in the Archive.) They generally require school staff to treat children as the sex they claim to be, let them use the opposite sex bathrooms, let boys into girls' sports, and lie to parents about whether their children are being "transitioned" at school.
- 4) **We engaged in other on-line research, including reviewing news articles.** We found links to school curricula in two articles by Christopher Rufo, among many other articles by concerned individuals.
- 5) **We received materials families were issued from their schools.**

An archive like this only provides a glimpse of what's going on in schools across the U.S. We did not include every example of gender identity ideology indoctrination we acquired. There are tens of thousands of school districts, and too many materials to include in this compilation.

Where schools sent vague and disjointed replies to our FOIA requests, we opted to hold off on including that data, pending gathering more details.

If you have access to curricula, lesson plans, teacher training materials, or other "gender identity" indoctrination data to add to the archive, please send copies to us at [Info@WomensDeclaration-USA.com](mailto:Info@WomensDeclaration-USA.com) and we will consider adding them.

#### **APPENDICES:**

- 1) **One example of a FOIA request letter**
- 2) **Links to State FOIA laws**

#### **APPENDIX 1: FOIA LETTER EXAMPLE**

*The following letter is a slightly modified version of a letter used by WDI volunteers in school districts across the U.S. It may be a good idea to add to the list of Gender Identity books read to children in the schools, drawing from the Archive.*

Dear [Appropriate Person; if school district has a FOIA officer to whom requests are to be sent, use that name],

I hereby request all policies, curricula, lessons, training presentations, and other materials related to teaching about Gender Identity in schools in [School District Name]. This request is filed pursuant to [State FOIA law named here including citation.]

"Teaching about Gender Identity" includes but is not limited to sharing information with students and teachers about topics such as transgenderism, how the sex of a child is determined and who

determines it, the interplay between sex and gender, whether sex is dimorphic or a spectrum, gender expression, the “Genderbread Person”, the “Gender Unicorn”, social and medical transitions associated with transgenderism and non-binary identifications, pronoun usage for trans-identifying and non-binary-identifying individuals, and the concept of people born in the wrong body. It includes but is not limited to lists of videos related to Gender Identity shown or recommended to schoolchildren, and lists of books related to Gender Identity read to or assigned to them such as but not limited to: *I Am Jazz*; *It Feels Good to Be Yourself*; *Is That For A Boy or a Girl*; *Introducing Teddy, Red: A Crayon’s Story*; *They She He Me: Free to Be!*, and *A House for Everyone*.

Please, provide me with the following documents:

- 1) Curricula, lesson plans, informational sheets, and other materials used by teachers or others in [X School District] public schools as they teach students about gender identity.
- 2) Documents that identify any organizations that have provided within the last three years, are scheduled to provide, or are under consideration to provide trainings for [School District] personnel or students regarding gender identity.
- 3) Training materials used by outside organizations or internal district or school staff to educate teachers about gender identity.
- 4) Links to videos showing any of those training sessions or portions thereof.

Fee waiver: The information being sought will contribute to the public's understanding of the operations and management of education in the [School District Name]. The information is not being sought for commercial purposes. As such, it is requested that if there are any fees associated with the collection of this information, that all fees be waived. If this request is denied, I ask that I be informed of this in advance.

If you choose to deny the request, you may be required by law to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because families have a right to know about the teaching of gender identity ideology concepts in the schools.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

[Name]

[Email]

[Address]

[Phone, if desired]

(NOTE THAT FOIA LETTERS IN SCHOOL FILES WILL THEMSELVES BE SUBJECT TO FOIA REQUESTS FILED BY OTHER PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHOSE NAME SHOULD BE ON THE REQUEST, AND ABOUT WHAT CONTACT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE.)

**APPENDIX 2****FOIA LAWS FOR THE US STATES & D.C.:**

State	Link to State Freedom of Information Law
Alabama	Legislature was amending law as of late spring; will check back to get final bill.  Ala. Code § 36-12-40
Alaska	<a href="http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title40/Chapter25/Section110.htm">http://touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title40/Chapter25/Section110.htm</a>
Arkansas	<a href="https://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-25/chapter-19/25-19-105">https://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-25/chapter-19/25-19-105</a>
Arizona	<a href="https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=39">https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=39</a>
California	<a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=7.&amp;chapter=3.5.&amp;lawCode=GOV&amp;title=1.&amp;article=1">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?division=7.&amp;chapter=3.5.&amp;lawCode=GOV&amp;title=1.&amp;article=1</a> .
Colorado	<a href="https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info_center/laws/Title24/Title24Article72Part2.html">https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/info_center/laws/Title24/Title24Article72Part2.html</a>
Connecticut	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/FOI/Regulations/The-FOI-Act/2021-FOI-Act">https://portal.ct.gov/FOI/Regulations/The-FOI-Act/2021-FOI-Act</a>
Delaware	<a href="https://delcode.delaware.gov/title29/c100/index.html">https://delcode.delaware.gov/title29/c100/index.html</a>  State Dept of Education: <a href="https://education.delaware.gov/about-doe/foia/">https://education.delaware.gov/about-doe/foia/</a>
DC	<a href="https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/titles/2/chapters/5/subchapters/II/">https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/titles/2/chapters/5/subchapters/II/</a>  DC Public Schools: <a href="https://dcps.dc.gov/page/open-government-and-foia-dcps">https://dcps.dc.gov/page/open-government-and-foia-dcps</a>
Florida	<a href="http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0100-0199/0119/0119ContentsIndex.html&amp;StatuteYear=2010&amp;Title=-%3E2010-%3EChapter%20119">http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0100-0199/0119/0119ContentsIndex.html&amp;StatuteYear=2010&amp;Title=-%3E2010-%3EChapter%20119</a>  FL Dept of Ed: <a href="https://www.fldoe.org/newsroom/public-records-requests.stml">https://www.fldoe.org/newsroom/public-records-requests.stml</a>
Georgia	<a href="https://law.georgia.gov/sites/law.georgia.gov/files/AG-%23872100-v1-OPENGOV__Open_Records_Act_March_2016.pdf">https://law.georgia.gov/sites/law.georgia.gov/files/AG-%23872100-v1-OPENGOV__Open_Records_Act_March_2016.pdf</a>

Hawai'i	<a href="https://oip.hawaii.gov/laws-rules-opinions/uipa/uniform-information-practices-act-uipa/">https://oip.hawaii.gov/laws-rules-opinions/uipa/uniform-information-practices-act-uipa/</a>
Idaho	<a href="https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title74/t74ch1/sect74-101/">https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title74/t74ch1/sect74-101/</a>
Illinois	<a href="https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=85&amp;ChapterID=2">https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=85&amp;ChapterID=2</a>
Indiana	<a href="http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2020/ic/titles/005/#5-14-3">http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2020/ic/titles/005/#5-14-3</a>
Iowa	<a href="https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/22.pdf">https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/code/22.pdf</a>
Kansas	<a href="http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2014/b2013_14/statute/045_000_0000_chapter/045_002_0000_article/">http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2014/b2013_14/statute/045_000_0000_chapter/045_002_0000_article/</a>
Kentucky	<a href="https://transparency.ky.gov/accountability/Pages/openrecords.aspx">https://transparency.ky.gov/accountability/Pages/openrecords.aspx</a>
Louisiana	<a href="https://app.la.state.la.us/lala.nsf/7C469838E7BC1C5186257AC2004F6279/\$FILE/Public%20Records%20Law%20FAQ.pdf">https://app.la.state.la.us/lala.nsf/7C469838E7BC1C5186257AC2004F6279/\$FILE/Public%20Records%20Law%20FAQ.pdf</a>
Maine	<a href="http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/1/title1ch13sec0.html">http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/1/title1ch13sec0.html</a>
Maryland	<a href="https://law.justia.com/codes/maryland/2015/article-ggp/title-4/">https://law.justia.com/codes/maryland/2015/article-ggp/title-4/</a>
Massachusetts	<a href="https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2016/Chapter121">https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2016/Chapter121</a>
Michigan	<a href="http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-act-442-of-1976.pdf">http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-act-442-of-1976.pdf</a>
Minnesota	<a href="https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/dataprac.pdf">https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/dataprac.pdf</a>
Mississippi	<a href="https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/2016/title-25/chapter-61/section-25-61-5/">https://law.justia.com/codes/mississippi/2016/title-25/chapter-61/section-25-61-5/</a>
Missouri	<a href="http://revisor.mo.gov/main/ViewChapter.aspx?chapter=610">http://revisor.mo.gov/main/ViewChapter.aspx?chapter=610</a>
Montana	<a href="https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0020/chapter_0060/part_0100/sections_index.html">https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0020/chapter_0060/part_0100/sections_index.html</a>
Nebraska	<a href="https://ago.nebraska.gov/public-records">https://ago.nebraska.gov/public-records</a>

Nevada	<a href="https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-239.html">https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-239.html</a>
New Hampshire	<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/vi/91-a/91-a-mrg.htm">http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/vi/91-a/91-a-mrg.htm</a>
New Jersey	<a href="https://www.state.nj.us/grc/act.html">https://www.state.nj.us/grc/act.html</a>
New Mexico,	<a href="https://nmfog.org/read-states-sunshine-laws/">https://nmfog.org/read-states-sunshine-laws/</a>
New York	<a href="https://dos.ny.gov/coog/foil2.html">https://dos.ny.gov/coog/foil2.html</a>
North Carolina	<a href="https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_132.html">https://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_132.html</a>
North Dakota	<a href="https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t44c04.pdf">https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t44c04.pdf</a>
Ohio	<a href="https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-149.43">https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-149.43</a>
Oklahoma	<a href="https://libraries.ok.gov/law-legislative-reference/library-laws/statutes-open-records/">https://libraries.ok.gov/law-legislative-reference/library-laws/statutes-open-records/</a>
Oregon	<a href="https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors192.html">https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors192.html</a>
Pennsylvania	<a href="https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/LEGIS/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&amp;yr=2008&amp;sessInd=0&amp;smthLwInd=0&amp;act=0003.&amp;CFID=319278311&amp;CFTOKEN=24899523">https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/LEGIS/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&amp;yr=2008&amp;sessInd=0&amp;smthLwInd=0&amp;act=0003.&amp;CFID=319278311&amp;CFTOKEN=24899523</a>
Rhode Island	<a href="http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE38/38-2/INDEX.HTM">http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE38/38-2/INDEX.HTM</a>
South Carolina	<a href="https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t30c004.php">https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t30c004.php</a>
South Dakota	<a href="https://www.sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2031624">https://www.sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/2031624</a>
Tennessee	<a href="https://www.dmlp.org/legal-guide/access-public-records-tennessee">https://www.dmlp.org/legal-guide/access-public-records-tennessee</a>
Texas	<a href="https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.552.htm">https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.552.htm</a>
Utah	<a href="https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title63G/Chapter2/63G-2.html">https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title63G/Chapter2/63G-2.html</a>

Vermont	<a href="https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/01/005">https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/01/005</a>
Virginia	<a href="https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopularnames/virginia-freedom-of-information-act/">https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopularnames/virginia-freedom-of-information-act/</a>
Washington (need state resident)	<a href="https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.56">https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=42.56</a>
West Virginia	<a href="http://www.wvlegislature.gov/wvcode/code.cfm?chap=29b&amp;art=1">http://www.wvlegislature.gov/wvcode/code.cfm?chap=29b&amp;art=1</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/19.pdf">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/19.pdf</a>
Wyoming	<a href="http://lccc.wy.edu/Documents/About/Board/Agendas/2015/January_9/Title%2016%20-%20Chapter%204%20-%20WS%2016%204%20201%20thru%2016%204%20205%20Public%20Records.pdf">http://lccc.wy.edu/Documents/About/Board/Agendas/2015/January_9/Title%2016%20-%20Chapter%204%20-%20WS%2016%204%20201%20thru%2016%204%20205%20Public%20Records.pdf</a>