

# Minnesota Walkout: Students and Teachers Oppose LGBTQ 'Indoctrination'

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Nearly 2,000 Minnesota high school students opted out of an "LGBTQIA+ History and Culture" lesson earlier this month, according to a local parent's rights group.

The opt-outs came after Liberty Counsel, a non-profit legal group, sent a demand letter to Osseo Area Schools District 279, in March requesting that both teachers and students "whose sincerely-held religious beliefs conflict with the lesson be permitted to opt out of it.

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"Teachers have expressed to Liberty Counsel that this one-sided LGBT political indoctrination violates parental rights and the teachers' sincerely-held religious beliefs; that they object to teaching it; and that they fear retaliation if they seek to exercise their rights under Title VII to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for a religious accommodation," the letter stated.

The school district responded by communicating to students and teachers they were free to exercise their legal rights to opt out of participating.

According to 279 Parents United, a local parents' group in Minnesota's Osseo Area School District 279, an estimated 1,800 students and at least 15 teachers opted out of the lesson.

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The school had to use a cafeteria and auditorium to accommodate the large number of students opting out, according to the group.

The school district also confirmed that 394 students officially opted out at Maple Grove Senior High School by filling out a form.

“Hopefully, the school district learned a lesson to stop trying to force its agenda on students, parents and teachers. Nearly 2,000 students and 15 teachers exercised the right to opt out of the ‘LGBTQIA+’ indoctrination. Public schools must respect the rights of students, parents, and teachers,” said Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver.

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