

The state of Oregon should ABSOLUTELY NOT have any authority to establish any curriculum or guidelines by which the private schools would be required to operate.

We work hard and we spend a lot of money to send our son to a private Christian school. In the 2019-2020 school year we thought we'd give public school a chance. My son absolutely did not like the difference between public and private school. He lasted three months before we decided to send him back to private Christian school. In my opinion, our tax dollars are wasted on a public school system that is failing to do its job. Public school is more focused on political issues rather than on teaching kids life skills that they will need to survive upon reaching adulthood.

Our biggest issue with public schools in Oregon is the adoption of CSE (Comprehensive Sexual Education). This curriculum was created by left-wing activist groups with the sole intent of brainwashing kids at an early age as to what is acceptable and unacceptable sexual behavior in normal people. It should be up to parents to teach their kids what is, and is not, acceptable sexual behavior according to their culture and religion. Unfortunately, many parents don't pay attention to what is being taught to their kids in public school and they fail to realize that the schools are teaching their kids opposing beliefs and moral standards.

I also do not like that public schools teach racism. Yes, RACISM! Teaching kids that they should be guilty of being white and they should check their "WHITE PRIVILEGE" is RACIST! I read this in part of the CSE materials presented to the Hillsboro School district, so I know it's true.

The Oregon Department of Education also believes that students who try hard to get the right mathematical answer is white supremacy! What kind of bizarro world is Oregon living in? So now the basic concept of trying hard and problem solving is....RACIST?!

No thank you! Keep that garbage in public school. If anyone should be overseeing anyone, Private schools should be gutting out the public school curriculum and they should also purge it of identity politics.

When my son goes to private school, he is being taught the necessary skills to survive in life. Science, math, history, reading and comprehension, and most importantly, Christianity. He does not see the world in race-colored glasses. There are kids from all walks of life and cultures in his school. He has no idea of what racism is because he doesn't see it in his or our daily lives and he doesn't see it in school. I am Hispanic and my wife is a South American immigrant. Our son is well respected in our neighborhood. Recently, a black couple moved into our neighborhood.

The wife told me that when they came to look at their new home, my son rode up on his bike and cheerfully introduced himself. It was because of him and his conduct and warm demeanor that told her she was moving into the right neighborhood. He wasn't faking it. He was being his natural self. I credit much of who he has become to his time spent in private school.

Circling back to CSE; I vehemently disapprove of public school's practice of having older kids teach younger kids about sex. This is utter nonsense and unacceptable. I also disapprove of bypassing school internet filters to show high school students pornography in the classroom under the guise of "education." This is perversion and sick. Kill SB0223 NOW!

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