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Each school district shall have a procedure for a parent, guardian, or an adult student, 18 years of age or older, to review the content of the instructional materials to be provided to a minor child or to an adult student and, if the parent, guardian, or adult student objects to the content, to make reasonable arrangements with school personnel for alternative instruction. ... School personnel may not impose an academic or other penalty upon a student merely for arranging alternative instruction under this section. [Minnesota Statutes 120B.20]

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