

3 WAYS FOR PARENTS TO NAVIGATE *Destructive Gender Ideology in Schools*



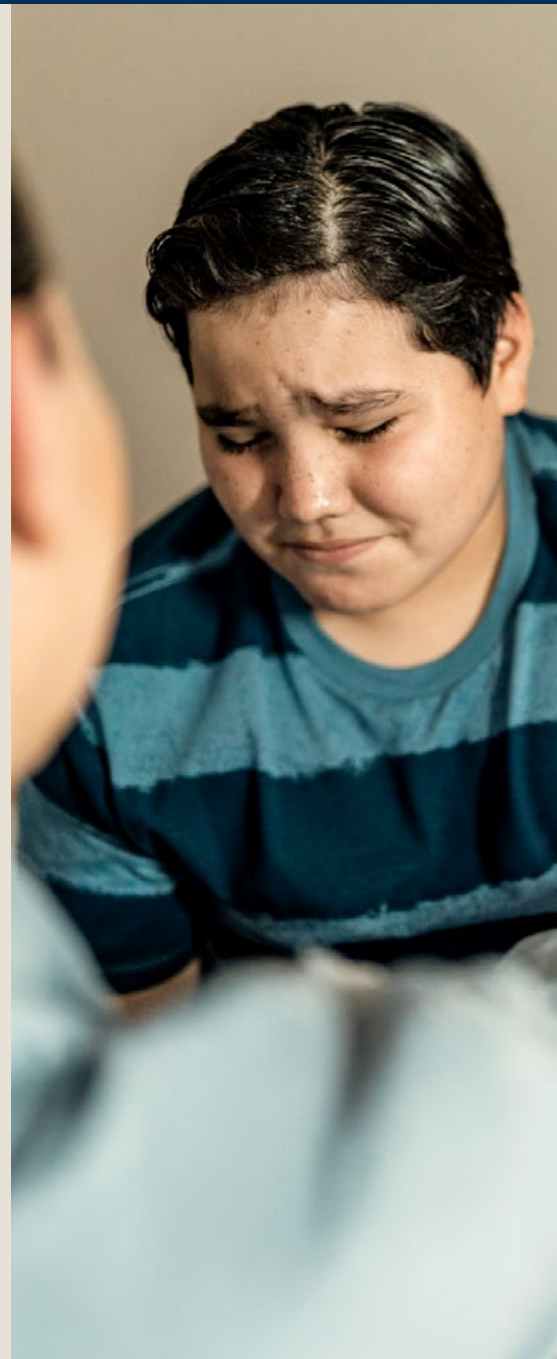
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SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE
USING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AS
*a platform to introduce lies to children,
including lies about the fundamental
nature of their biology.*

They're teaching that gender is disconnected from one's biological sex—that a person's identity is based on how one feels, not objective truth. This ideology falsely instructs that boys can become girls, and girls can become boys—even through extreme means, like irreversible drugs and surgeries.

This push to enforce radical gender ideology is harming children, destroying families, and tearing away at the very truth and dignity of human nature, gender differences, marriage, and the family.



SCRIPTURE REPEATEDLY REINFORCES THAT PARENTS HAVE *the responsibility of raising the next generation in the light of truth.*

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

— Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

— Ephesians 6:4



THAT SAME
UNDERSTANDING
ABOUT THE ROLE
OF PARENTS IS
*now at stake in our
culture and in the
courtroom.*

Alliance Defending Freedom is committed to defending the rights of parents to raise their children, and we want to equip you with the tools and resources you need to protect your child from the dangers of gender ideology.

The following three principles can help you navigate this harmful ideology and protect your family. Please share with parents or leaders in your family, church, and community. >>

1 PRAY UP

CHRISTIANS ARE WELL AWARE OF THEIR DUTY TO INFLUENCE THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF CHILDREN FROM AN EARLY AGE AND TO DIRECT THEM IN THE WAY OF TRUTH.

That includes fervently praying for them, knowing that we pray to the Almighty God who hears and answers our prayers.

“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” — 1 John 5:1

Make it a daily practice to pray for your children, seeking refuge in God and asking for His protection so that future generations may continue to find their joy in Him. Pray specifically for your children’s individual needs, their teachers, school officials, and those who will influence them in their daily lives.



2 LEAD UP

PARENTS MUST LEAD—NOT FOLLOW— WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE LEARNING.

Ask your children what they are learning in class each day. Be proactive and stay tuned in with their curriculum.

Many schools now create secret “gender support plans” and are socially transitioning students in secret to a new gender identity by requiring teachers and staff to use names and pronouns for the child that do not align with their given name or biological sex.



BELOW ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY WANT TO ASK YOUR SCHOOL:

- Can my child use a different name or pronouns at school without my knowledge or consent?
- Will I be notified and asked to give permission before my child receives counseling?
- Are there situations in which the school maintains separate counseling records apart from its official school records?
- Does the school implement gender support plans, and if so, will I be informed if one is created for my child?
- Can children use restrooms or participate in sports programs that do not align with their biological sex?



AS A PARENT, YOU HAVE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT YOUR CHILDREN'S UPBRINGING AND EDUCATION—AND THE U.S.

Supreme Court has affirmed that right in several cases. You should feel empowered to request, access, and opt your children out of controversial curriculum and parental-exclusion policies that violate your faith and/or values and involve your children's upbringing, education, and healthcare.

3 STAND UP

TO PRESERVE THEIR RIGHTS, PARENTS CAN ACT BY PURSUING LAWS AND POLICIES THAT PROMOTE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY IN SCHOOLS, PARENT CHOICE, AND TRANSPARENCY (ACT).

- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Parents should support laws and policies that hold school officials legally accountable for efforts to keep parents in the dark about important decisions regarding their child's health and education.
- **CHOICE:** Parents should protect their decision-making authority by advocating for laws and policies that require schools to obtain parental permission before their child receives any instruction on sensitive topics involving sexuality or gender identity. Parents should also exercise their right to notice and opt out as they evaluate what their children are taught and exposed to in school. For more information on opt-out rights, visit adflegal.org/support/parental-rights-guide.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Parents should exercise their right to review all curriculum, instructional materials, and teacher training (whether printed or online) before their child enters the classroom. They should also assert their right to know if their child requests to be called by a different name or pronouns at school and to opt out of any social transition of their child that does not have their express written consent.





**SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY (LIKE
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY)
SOMETIMES REQUIRES LEGAL
ACTION TO ENFORCE PARENTS'
LEGAL PROTECTIONS UNDER THE
U.S. CONSTITUTION AND STATE AND
FEDERAL LAW.**

If you think your rights have been threatened or violated, you can contact ADF for help at adflegal.org/request-legal-help.



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