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**FAIR Statement on...**

## **Trust and Partnership between Schools and Families**

FAIR promotes the constitutional right of parents/guardians to raise their children as they see fit, which includes decisions about their children's education. The right to direct the upbringing of one's child is recognized as a fundamental due process right under the Fourteenth Amendment. FAIR supports open communication and disclosure as not only fundamental to parents' and guardians' ability to make appropriate decisions regarding their children's education, but essential to building trust between schools and families.

As a society, we recognize that children are not developmentally capable of making decisions on matters that can pose harm to themselves and others; for example, we impose age limits on driving, the purchase of cigarettes and alcohol, voting, and marriage. It is families, not institutions, who can best care and make decisions for children. While schools and teachers usually have the best intentions regarding educational material for children, it is families and not schools who should ultimately be responsible for what their children are taught. FAIR supports parents who exercise their right to advocate for books and curricula that are appropriate for children based on grade level.

- [The Pro-Human Path For Education with Ian Rowe & Joyanet Mangual](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWueH5HhnFE)  
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