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Parents should not have to beg to see the material their children are being taught in Oregon schools. I have two children in public schools. Over the last few years, I have repeatedly asked to see curriculum outlines, but have been denied. I've even been told that the instructors don't get to see the curriculum, they just plan as they go. How would that even be possible? If instructors truly have the materials at their disposal to plan their lessons, parents should easily have the same access. There needs to be transparency.

If there is not, I beg the question WHY. Are there subjects being taught for which there needs to be secrecy? How could that exist if parents are to help guide their children's education safely? Should parents not have a say in what our children are taught every day? And who is responsible for creating these curriculum, if not the teachers? If parents do not have a chance to review these curriculum, and effectively be a part of their child's education, I request reasoning as to why.