Policy No. 6068

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1.0 SEX EDUCATION

1.1 It is the goal of the Alpine School District to complement and supplement standards established in the home which relate to family life and sex education, including the principle of morality. In so doing, the Alpine School District shall emphasize in its curriculum the aspects of growth and development of humans concerning knowledge and appreciation of family relationships, and scientific physiological information. A major focus of the curriculum is to help youth acquire a background of ideals, standards, and attitudes which will be of value in their present and later life including abstinence from sexual activity prior to marriage and fidelity after marriage.

1.2 Educators are encouraged to offer well-planned programs, designed to deal with areas such as the miracle of birth, understanding of the male and female reproduction systems, birth defects, genetics counseling, health issues during pregnancy, problems of illegitimacy, AIDS, venereal diseases, responsible parenthood, family roles, etc. Information and materials must be sensitively presented and carefully and appropriately prepared for students relative to their ages. (Teachers must be aware that state law requires prior written parental consent before including any aspect of contraception in the curriculum.) AIDS education shall be taught in the context of the Responsible Healthy Lifestyle Curriculum adopted by the Utah State Board of Education.

1.3 Elementary Schools Maturation Programs

1.3.1 In the fifth grade—and again in sixth grade, if desired—each school shall hold a meeting for all the girls. The purpose of the meeting, which is to be conducted by a doctor, nurse, or other qualified person, shall be to explain the process of maturity.

1.3.2 In the fifth and/or sixth grades, each school shall hold a meeting for all boys. The purpose for this meeting shall be to discuss hygiene, body cleanliness, and problems related to maturation. This meeting shall be conducted by a doctor, nurse, or other qualified person.

1.3.3 Information on such a meeting shall be forwarded to parents. Parents may attend the meeting with their child. Parents may also indicate in writing that they do not wish to have their child in attendance.

1.4 Elementary Schools AIDS Instruction
1.4.1 Information dealing with the subject of AIDS shall be taught in connection with the Responsible Healthy Lifestyle Curriculum as approved by the State Board of Education.

1.4.2 Parents must give written permission prior to instruction of the AIDS curricular objectives.

1.4.3 Parents are invited to preview any information to be presented.

1.4.4 Students whose parents or guardians choose not to involve them in the AIDS instruction shall be provided educational experiences relevant to other goals and objectives of the course in which they are enrolled.

1.4.5 The teaching of morality in the public schools is mandated under state law 53A-13-101(4).

1.5 7th and 8th Grade Maturation Programs

1.5.1 Seventh and eighth grade classes in Alpine School District may follow a program similar to the elementary schools. The programs or classes shall emphasize the normal physical changes which boys and girls experience as they change from children to adults.

1.5.2 Programs may be held separately for boys and girls. The Board of Education encourages junior high school administrators to involve parents in the selection of qualified people to speak on the subject and encourages parents to attend and participate in activities in these special programs.

1.5.3 Information on such a meeting shall be forwarded to parents. Parents may attend the meeting with their child. Parents may also indicate in writing that they do not want to have their child be in attendance.

1.6 7th and 8th Grade AIDS Instruction

1.6.1 AIDS information contained in the Responsible Healthy Lifestyle Curriculum shall be taught in the health classes.

1.6.2 Parents must give written permission prior to instruction of the AIDS curricular objectives.

1.6.3 Parents are invited to preview any information to be presented.

1.6.4 Students whose parents or guardians choose not to involve them in the AIDS instruction shall be provided educational experiences relevant to other goals and objectives of the course in which they are enrolled.

1.6.5 The teaching of morality in the public schools is mandated under state law. 53A-13-101(4).
1.7 Senior High Schools (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grades)

1.7.1 Sex education shall be taught only in relationship to specific classes. These classes are health, human biology, health/medical occupations, physiology, parenting/home living, and vocational agriculture.

1.7.2 In parenting classes, students shall be taught the aspects of prenatal and child care as special units.

1.7.3 In human biology, health, and physiology courses, body parts, including reference to the reproductive systems, shall be discussed.

17.4 In vocational agriculture courses, the subject of selective breeding of animals may be a vital part of the instruction.

1.8 Senior High Schools AIDS Instruction

1.8.1 AIDS information contained in the Responsible Healthy Lifestyle Curriculum shall be taught in the seventh and tenth grade health classes. Other courses in which the basic AIDS information may be taught are human anatomy/physiology, biology, home economics courses (i.e., parenting, family living, child development, teen living, teen parents, and health/medical occupations). Other courses in which AIDS may be discussed in a social or emotional context include sociology and psychology.

1.8.2 Parents must give written permission prior to instruction of the AIDS curricular objectives.

1.8.3 Parents are invited to preview any information to be presented.

1.8.4 Students, whose parents or guardians choose not to involve them in the AIDS instruction, shall be provided educational experiences relevant to other goals and objectives of the courses in which they are enrolled.

1.8.5 The teaching of morality in the public schools is mandated under state law. 53A-13-101(4)

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