SECTION I: POLICY—IHAMB—SEX EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY

1. It is the primary responsibility of parents to provide sex education for their children. It is the responsibility of the schools to provide supportive instruction which will complement the efforts in the home. The Canyons School District board authorizes the District Administration of an abstinence only curricular approach to sex education. The Board authorizes the District Administration to conduct health, family life, and character instruction within the framework for guidelines established by State Board of Education and as approved by Canyons School District.

2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and District Administration to establish administrative regulations consistent with this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—IHAMB—R

1. Definition: Sex education, not to be confused with sex information, is best described as that part of character education which develops a reverence and respect for birth and life, respect for the human body, respect for parenthood, and a respect for moral standards. It includes instruction to develop understanding of the physical, mental, emotional, social, economic, and psychological phases of human relations as they are affected by male and female relationships. It includes more than the anatomical and reproductive information, and it emphasizes the development of positive attitudes, and provides guidance related to association between the sexes.

2. Programs and materials relating to sex education shall be based on the abstinence only curriculum approved by the board.
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION—IHAMB—R-1

The Administration delegates to the Director(s) of Evidence-Based Learning the responsibility for the review and selection of appropriate materials. The Administration delegates to the K-16 Directors the responsibility to ensure use of appropriate, approved and supportive educational instruction.

1. The K-16 Directors and the Director(s) of Evidence-Based Learning shall involve community representatives and district personnel as members of an ad hoc study committee. This committee will review commercial materials and professional programs considered for school use. Media, materials, and presenters/presentations approved for use will be published and distributed to the schools.

2. The ad hoc committee shall consist of the following: The Director(s) of Evidence-Based Learning, the Healthy Lifestyles Evidence-Based Learning Consultant, school administrators from one (1) elementary, one (1) middle school and one (1) high school, one (1) health teacher specialist, one (1) elementary PTSA/parent representative from each area, one (1) secondary PTSA/parent representative from each area, two (2) high school health teachers, two (2) middle school health teachers, one (1) school psychologist, one (1) school nurse, and one (1) program specialist from the Programs for At-Risk Students Department.

3. Proposed courses of study, instructional units, and teaching materials relating specifically to sex education shall be screened by the ad hoc committee, and the approved list shall be submitted to the Canyons School District Administration for review and approval.

4. Sex education shall be conducted within the framework of already existing courses such as Health, Biology, Psychology, Family and Consumer Science, and Physiology.

5. Each elementary school shall plan an elective maturation program for each fifth-grade girl and her parents and each fifth-grade boy and his parents. Students may opt out of the program with written permission from their parents to their school. The main purposes of the program will be to provide accurate information about sexual development and to encourage discussion in the home. At the discretion of the school principal, students and their parents from other grades may be invited to attend.

6. Parent approval and orientation will precede school programs and presentations. Selected programs must come from the published, approved list.

7. As parent interest warrants, classes for parents may be conducted at the local school in the adult high school program (Entrada) or at the Canyons Family Center. These classes would focus on parenting skills which would enhance the parents’ role as they teach their children responsible values and attitudes about sexuality.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

None

FORMS

None

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