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Policy Title: HEALTH EDUCATION HEALTH/WELLNESS, HIV/AIDS, SEX ED	Effective Date: April 11, 2001

HEALTH/WELLNESS

The school district will provide instruction in comprehensive health education to all students, grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), consisting of planned sequential learning experiences that assist students in acquiring knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practices regarding personal, family, and community health issues. Among other health topics, students will receive instruction regarding substance use and abuse and the prevention and control of diseases and disorders, including HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

HIV/AIDS EDUCATION

The Board recognizes the importance of providing HIV/AIDS (Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) education to students through the home, the church, the community, and the schools. Whenever possible, the district will cooperate with others to assist in diminishing the effects of this disease.

Age appropriate HIV/AIDS instruction will be provided to kindergarten through twelfth (K-12) grade students. The district HIV/AIDS curriculum, based on the philosophy of sexual abstinence until marriage, will provide the parameters for classroom instruction.

Parents/guardians shall have an opportunity to review the curriculum and instructional materials prior to their students' instruction. Parent/guardians who wish to have their students exempt from some or all of the HIV/AIDS instruction may do so by submitting a written request to the principal/designee. (6422f1 page 1)

SEX EDUCATION

It is recognized that the responsibility of providing human sexuality education to children rests with the home, the church, the community, and the schools.

Age appropriate family life/sex education instruction shall be provided to students as outlined in curriculum approved by the Board. The curriculum shall be based on the philosophy of sexual abstinence until marriage. The district will involve parents/guardians and community members in the planning, development, evaluation, and revision of any curriculum for sex education.

Upon request, a parent/guardian shall have an opportunity to review the curriculum and the instructional materials prior to student instruction. A parent/guardian who wishes to have a student exempt from some or all of the family/sex education curriculum may do so by submitting a written request to the principal. (6422f1 page 2)

LEGAL REFERENCES: Idaho Code 33-1608 through 33-1611

REFERENCES: Policy 6432, "Curriculum Goals and Objectives"
Policy 6434, "Curriculum Governance and Renewal Process"
Procedure 6434p, "Curriculum Governance and Renewal Process"
Policy 6436, "Curriculum Philosophy"
Forms: 6422f1 (2 pages)

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NOTICE OF AIDS EDUCATION INSTRUCTION
State Board of Education Rules and Regulations for Public Schools

IDAPA 08.03.E.3 - Elementary and secondary schools in the state shall provide comprehensive health education to all students. A comprehensive health education program shall consist of planned, sequential learning experiences that assist students to achieve desirable knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practices related to personal, family and community health issues. The K-12 health curriculum shall contain instruction in substance use and abuse and the prevention and control of diseases and disorders, including HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

IDAPA 08.02.E.10.4.b - All children should spend at least the minimum amounts of time in the following area of instruction:

	<u>Grades 1-3</u>	<u>Grades 4-6</u>	<u>Grades 7-8</u>
Health	75 min./wk.	90 min./wk.	Shall be taught in accordance with Secondary Standards

IDAPA 08.02.E.12.2k - One semester of health education is required in grades 10-12 as a minimum graduation requirement from an accredited Idaho high school. The one semester health education requirement in grades 7-9 is still in effect.

In keeping with the State Department of Education regulations outlined above, planned instruction in sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS education will be presented to your child on the date(s) listed below. Should you wish your child to be excluded from this state-mandated instruction, please complete the exemption form and return it to the school office.

DATE(S) OF INSTRUCTION: _____

Should you need additional information, please call the school office or contact your child's teacher.

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REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE FROM HEALTH CLASS

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Idaho Code

33-1611 - Excusing children from instruction in sex education. Any parent or legal guardian who wishes to have his child excused from any planned instruction in sex education may do so upon filing a written request to the school district board of trustees and the board of trustees shall make available the appropriate forms for such request. Alternative educational endeavors shall be provided for those excused (1970)

- a. Identify the Health Education topic(s) from which you wish to have your child excused.**

- b. This signed form must be returned to your child's teacher prior to the time of the desired release from class. The student will be assigned an area at school in which to complete other health-related studies.**

Parent _____

Date

Student _____

Date

School

(This form is to be retained in the school's administrative office.)