



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

**KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**8C. Action Date: October 27, 2008**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NEW COURSE OFFERING FOR 2009-2010**

**BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.**

**FISCAL NOTE: \$5,200 for textbooks, \$1,000 for curriculum, and \$38,000 for teaching staff for one section each high school**

**Background Information:**

- New course proposal from Fossil Ridge High School
- Credit for Bible Study- Independent Study Course in English
- All TEKS for independent study covered in the course
- Currently reviewing bible literacy projects

**Administrative Considerations:**

- Follow TAC code § TAC 74.36 for requirements for elective course on Bible’s Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament
- Applicable law and all federal and state guidelines must be followed in order to maintain religious neutrality
- Course must accommodate the diverse religious views, traditions, and perspectives of students in their school district
- Course under this section shall not endorse, favor, or promote, or disfavor or show hostility toward, any particular religion or nonreligious faith or religious perspective
- Budget for these courses must be included in the 2009-2010 fiscal year
- 15 students must register for course to be offered

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**The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the 2009-2010 new course offering as presented.**

Respectfully submitted,

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