

AASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE SERVICE

2020-2021 UPDATE

INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTE: This packet includes only those policy manual pages that have been revised, deleted or newly established. Full text pages are included and are to be substituted as indicated below.

A supplemental update, primarily focusing on updates to model policies on business operations, will be forthcoming in the summer/fall of 2021.

For ease of School Boards, AASB has identified those portions of the Update that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. This is indicated by a “Yes” or “No.” A “No” is used if changes have been made only to an AR or an Exhibit, or if policy changes are limited to explanatory notes, legal reference or cross-reference updates, or minor grammatical or stylistic changes that have not changed the policy meaning.

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
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ARTICLE 0, Series 0000 – Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

AR 0410

No

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

This AR may be used as a District policy to investigate sexual harassment complaints under Title IX. It implements the revised Title IX regulations promulgated by the Department of Education in the fall of 2020. It provides comprehensive procedures a district shall take upon receiving reports and complaints regarding sexual harassment, including investigation requirements, appeal procedures, and responsive mechanisms. The process includes:

- The designation of a Title IX Coordinator and decision maker.
- Intake and processing procedures.
- Formal complaint investigation requirements and timelines.
- Investigative report policies.
- Disciplinary options and remedies.
- Appeal procedures.

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
BP 0520	No	This update modifies BP 0520 to reflect current policies regarding school accountability and improvement. It removes references to previous regulations that have sunset. As the updates are limited to revisions of the explanatory note, board approval is not required.

ARTICLE 1, Series 1000 – Community Relations

AR 1312.1	No	This update revises the model complaint policy for complaints regarding school personnel, removing the school board from serving in a role of automatic appeal. This change insulates boards from personnel matters and streamlines complaint investigation processes.
BP 1340	Yes	This update revises the model records retention policy to clarify that records shall be maintained in accordance with the State of Alaska Model Records Retention Schedule for Alaska School Districts. It standardizes retention rules for all AASB districts.

ARTICLE 6, Series 6000 – Instruction

BP 6146.3	Yes	This update removes a reference to a rescinded regulation regarding college and career readiness assessments. It is updated to clarify that a district’s assessment policies must be in accordance with current assessment regulations, allowing the policy to be untied to changing assessment rules.
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