

AASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE SERVICE

FALL 2026 INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTE: This packet includes only those policy manual pages that have been revised, deleted or newly established. It includes all updates required from legislative enactments during the 2026 Alaska State Legislative Session. Full text pages are included and are to be substituted as indicated below.

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.

These updates are provided for Boards and Superintendents to consider adopting into their policy manual. Boards may modify these proposed policies as needed to fit their district appropriately, but may need to seek further legal review if the Board-proposed policy or AR has changed significantly from what is presented here.

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
<u>ARTICLE 0. Series 0000 – Vision, Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plan</u>		
BP 0430	Yes	This update revises the note to reflect that the statute requiring community school programs has long been repealed. It has been updated to state that community school programs may still be operated voluntarily.
AR 0430	No	Similar to the above, the AR has been updated to reflect that community school programs are voluntary.
<u>ARTICLE 1. Series 1000 – Community Relations</u>		
BP/AR/E 1420	Yes	***New policy, regulation, and exhibit*** This new tribal consultation package creates a framework for districts to follow in their consultation with Alaska tribes. It emphasizes the importance of tribal consultation where required by the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Alaska Native Educational Equity, Support, and Assistance Act.

ARTICLE 3. Series 3000 – Business and Noninstructional Operations

BP 3550	Yes	This policy has been updated to include a new Alaska Statute, AS 14.03.087, which was enacted this legislative session. It states that beginning January 1, 2028, Districts are prohibited from serving breakfasts and lunches that include certain color additives (dyes).
BP 3580	Yes	This policy has been updated to reflect updated requirements for the maintenance of documents related to the E-Rate program and includes a reference to retention guidelines.

ARTICLE 4. Series 4000 – Personnel

BP 4112.10	Yes	This policy has been updated to reflect a new law passed this legislative session, which permits regional resource centers to hire retired teachers, just like at school districts.
E 4119.21	No	This update simplifies the exhibit by removing the actual PTPC Code of Ethics and providing a link to the PTPC website, which hosts the Code.

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<u>ARTICLE 5. Series 5000 – Students</u>		
BP 5040	Yes	Related to the update in BP 3550, this policy has been updated to include a new Alaska Statute, AS 14.03.087, which was enacted this legislative session. It states that beginning January 1, 2028, Districts are prohibited from serving breakfasts and lunches that include certain color additives (dyes).
BP 5141.21	Yes	This policy has been updated to clarify that various types of health care providers (not just physicians) may authorize students to take medication during the school day. The update adds a definition of health care provider, which includes respiratory care practitioners (RCPs). RCPs were added as qualified health care providers in a law passed this legislative session.
AR 5141.21	No	This update makes the same changes regarding health care providers as in BP 5141.21.
<u>ARTICLE 6. Series 6000 – Instruction</u>		
BP 6114	Yes	This policy has been updated to incorporate a new law that requires districts to provide Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to certain grade levels. DEED shall make the curricula

		available to districts and identify which grade levels require the training. This requirement will go into effect July 1, 2027.
BP 6146.1	Yes	This policy has been updated to reflect a new law regarding civics education that was passed this legislative session. Beginning with students who enter grade nine after July 1, 2027, students must take and pass a civics education curriculum and assessment to receive a high school diploma (several exceptions apply). DEED will provide the curriculum.
BP 6146.4	Yes	This update clarifies that boards may delegate the authority to waive credit requirements for transfer students to the district administration. This means that the superintendent or designee may authorize students to be exempted from certain credit and assessment requirements if they bring them in from different districts.
BP 6172	Yes	This policy has been updated to incorporate a new law passed this legislative session which requires additional support and communication for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Specifically, districts must provide information to parents about their students' rights to an education, and to instruct students in the preferred method chosen by parents.
<u>ARTICLE 9. Series 9000 – Bylaws of the Board</u>		
BB 9123	Yes	This bylaw has been updated to clarify that the Board may delegate ministerial duties of the Clerk/Secretary to the Superintendent or designee, including a hired Executive Secretary (as many boards currently do).
BB 9210	Yes	This bylaw has been updated to include language implementing a new law that was passed this legislative session, which prohibits persons who have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude from serving on school boards. There is an exception for those who have been unconditionally discharged and at least 10 years have passed since that date.
BB 9220	Yes	This bylaw has been updated to reflect various changes to law made during this legislative session. Specifically, it includes language to establish: 1) municipal governments may by ordinance modify the length of a school board member's term in office, 2) that REAA school board members may be employed by their district as substitute teachers, and 3) the language regarding board member eligibility described in the changes to BB 9210.
BB 9230	Yes	This bylaw has been updated to include language implementing a new law passed this legislative session, which requires that board members engage in DEED-provided ethics and budgeting training.

REPLACE/ADD	FORMAL ADOPTION REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
BB 9324	Yes	This bylaw has been updated to provide guidelines on the retention of board minutes and the retention of recordings (including audio and visual recordings) made during board meetings.
<u>ARTICLE 10, Series 10000 – Charter Schools</u>		
BP 10020	No	This update is a minor cross-reference revision, reflecting the revised name of the related exhibit, discussed below.
E 10020	No	This exhibit has been updated to state that sample charter school bylaws are available from the Association of Alaska School Boards.