

**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Students with disabilities shall be placed, to the maximum extent appropriate, in the least restrictive environment which meets their needs. The Board provides a full range of educational alternatives to facilitate this placement so that these students may interact with students without disabilities in an understanding, cooperative and mutually respectful environment. Students shall be placed outside of the regular classroom only when the student's specific needs cannot be met in that setting.

Upon the identification of a student with disabilities and a determination of student eligibility, the Superintendent or designee shall appoint an individualized education program (IEP) team. This team shall consider the student's needs, determine the content of his/her IEP, make placement decisions, and determine whether alternative assessments and curricular offerings are necessary and appropriate. An IEP must be completed within 30 days after a student is determined eligible for services. Students and parents/guardians shall have the right to participate in the development of the IEP in accordance with law.

*(cf. 6164.4 – Child Find)*

Each IEP shall be consistent, to the maximum extent appropriate, with the curriculum and course of study pursued in the regular education program. Students with disabilities should also receive instruction which fosters their independence and integration into the community.

*(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)*

Parents/guardians must consent in writing to the student's placement in a special education program. The district will make reasonable efforts to obtain informed consent, which must be obtained before any placement is made. If parents refuse initial consent for services, the district is not required to convene IEP meetings for the child, or to develop an IEP.

*(cf. 1312.3 – Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination of Exceptional Children)*

*(cf. 3541.2 – Transportation)*

*(cf. 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Individuals with Exceptional Needs))*

*(cf. 6146.5 – Different Graduation and Competency Standards for Individuals with Exceptional Needs)*

## INSTRUCTION

BP 6159(b)

### *Legal Reference:*

#### ALASKA STATUTES

*14.30.180 - .350 Education for Exceptional Children*

#### ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

*4 AAC 52.010 – 52.990 Education for Children With Disabilities*

#### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

*1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*

*20 USC § 1400 – 1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004*

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

*34 C.F.R. 300.1 – 300.818 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

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