

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-105

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 6143
Courses of Study; First
Reading

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track 1: Operational Improvements
Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT:

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6143 Courses of Study and open for public comments.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board.

This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6143 Courses of Study within the Instruction series.

This update includes culturally responsive language as well as multiple tracks post-graduation.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and to open for public comments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6143 Courses of Study as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6143 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6143 Courses of Study as presented and open for public comments.

BP 6143 COURSES OF STUDY

All Schools

The School Board recognizes that a student's cultural and personal identity are integral in engaging a student in effective and productive learning. The School Board supports and encourages the development of courses of study that provide an opportunity to combine place-based and culturally relevant learning while meeting the necessary state and district standards. All students must have relevant and engaging coursework that prepares them to be productive citizens and provides them with skills and opportunity for post-secondary college or career choices. The courses of study beginning in primary school through high school are recognized as a continuum, each building upon the former. Courses of study may be developed as "tracks" that take into account student interests such as Career and Technical Education (CTE) or college readiness.

Elementary Schools

The School Board shall adopt a course of study for elementary grades aligned with state performance and content standards, and which sufficiently prepares district students for the required high school course of study. The elementary course of study should include culturally responsive, place-based instruction and materials that align with the Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools and incorporate strategies and frameworks for student-centered learning.

Secondary Schools

The School Board shall adopt courses of study designed to meet student needs and to ~~conform with~~ satisfy district and state graduation requirements ~~and~~. Courses will also be adopted that meet the requirements for admission to post-secondary programs, whether Career Technical Education or college, postsecondary schools. Courses of study shall be integrated where appropriate and provide students the opportunity to attain skills ~~appropriate~~ for entry-level employment upon graduation from high school. Secondary school courses of study should include culturally responsive, place-based instruction and materials that align with the Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools and incorporate strategies and frameworks for student-centered learning.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6184 - Virtual/Online Courses)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

05.080 School Curriculum and ~~P~~ersonnel

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Adopted: April 28, 2004

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District