

AASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE SERVICE

2019-2020 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.

This Update is limited due to little movement at the state and federal level to revise education policy during the 2019-2020 term. However, it includes an important policy regarding leave available to employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as updates to the model pandemic policy. AASB anticipates providing additional updates throughout the year in response to the pandemic.

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
<u>ARTICLE 3, Series 3000 – Business and Noninstructional Operations</u>		
BP 3510	Yes	This update incorporates a new subsection in 4 AAC 31.080, which provides criteria for a preventive maintenance program of a school district eligible for state aid for school construction and major maintenance. It also adds a requirement to have periodic evaluation of commissioning existing facilities to a qualifying energy management plan. A cite to the regulation has been added.
<u>ARTICLE 4, Series 4000 – Personnel</u>		
AR 4161.8	No	***New Administrative Regulation*** This temporary administrative regulation adopts the emergency sick leave and emergency family leave policies created by Congress in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. It is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2020, unless extended by Congress. The regulation sets forth the leave entitlements guaranteed to employees as part of the act, and clarifies district responsibilities.

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ARTICLE 5, Series 5000 – Students

AR 5112.2	No	This modification to the student exclusion policy clarifies that a board may deny an admission for any reason permitted by statute, not only reasons related to physical or mental health.
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ARTICLE 6, Series 6000 – Instruction

BP 6114.4	Yes	This update clarifies the Board’s authority to delegate additional authority to the Superintendent as a response to a pandemic/epidemic, and sets forth actions the Superintendent may take, consistent with law.
AR 6162.5	No	This update requires that staff members supervising student testing do not access electronic devices during the test, except as necessary to administer the test. This strengthens test security and is adopted in response to DEED guidance.