

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** January 22, 2025

**NUMBER:** 25-051

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Proposed  
Revisions to BP 5141.3  
Health Examinations; 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 5141.3 Health Examinations 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 5141.3 Health Examinations within the Students series.

This minor update revises language regarding health examinations for students and clarifies that districts may require health examinations for student participation in extracurricular activities.

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 5141.3 Health Examinations as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5141.3 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 5141.3 Health Examinations as presented and open for public comments.

## BP 5141.3 HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

**Note:** Effective June 30, 2016, districts are no longer required by state law to provide for or require each child to have a physical examination and a vision and hearing screening examination upon entry into school and at regular intervals as determined by the school board. While districts are no longer required to provide for and require physical examinations of every child attending school, the Department of Health ~~and Social Services~~ may require the district to conduct physical examinations it considers necessary and may reimburse the district for examinations. The following optional policy may be revised or deleted as needed.

~~**Note:** If a school district will be using federal money to perform exams or screenings on students, the district must annually notify parents of the exam or screening, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings. The following language implements federal law.~~

The School Board recognizes the importance of and encourages periodic comprehensive physical health examinations, especially upon entry into school at the beginning of the school year. In order to identify barriers to learning, and determine whether treatment or special adaptations of the school program may be necessary, the School Board shall may require vision and hearing screening examinations upon entry into school or as soon as practical, and at regular intervals, as necessary. All personnel employed to examine students shall exercise proper care of each student being examined and shall ensure that the examination results are kept confidential.

~~**Note:** If a school district will be using federal money to perform exams or screenings on students, the district must annually notify parents of the exam or screening, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings. The following language implements federal law.~~

The district will annually notify parents of physical exams or screenings of students, except for routine vision, hearing, or scoliosis screenings.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities may be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity.

(cf. 6145.2 – Interscholastic Competition)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.30.065](#) *Supervision*

[14.30.070](#) *Physical examination required*

[14.30.127](#) *Vision and hearing screening examinations*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 06.055](#) *Immunizations required*

UNITED STATES CODE

[42 U.S.C. §§ 12101](#) *et seq.* (2014)

[20 U.S.C. §§ 1232G](#) (2013)

[20 U.S.C. §§ 1232h](#) (2002)

[29 U.S.C. § 794](#)(a) (2002)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

[34 C.F.R pt.99](#) (2011)

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**Northwest Arctic Borough School District**