Instruction BP 6179

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Board recognizes the importance of early learning and, depending on the needs in each community, may implement pre-elementary programs. Besides attempting to help children develop intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically, district preschool programs should strengthen families by enhancing parenting skills and reducing the strain on parents. The board wishes to provide a safe environment with competent, caring supervision for children.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district preschool programs comply with requirements of law.

A district must submit annual assurances to the department indicating that the district has adopted written policies that ensure compliance with the programmatic requirements of 4 AAC 60.170, the pre-elementary education regulation. The assurances must be signed by the superintendent for the district.

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students) (cf. 5148 - Child Care)

Legal Reference:

<u>ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE</u> 4 AAC 60.010-4 AAC 60.180 Pre-elementary (early childhood) school