

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

BP 6178

The School Board affirms the importance of providing all students with quality vocational education experiences that teach life skills, demonstrate the value of work, and provide training that leads to entry-level employment. The Board views vocational education and academic education as complementary educational programs. Vocational courses should give students abundant opportunities to obtain or reinforce basic academic skills. Teachers should emphasize as often as possible the practical applications of academics to the working world.

The Board recognizes that vocational education is best presented in a well-articulated sequence of courses, with instruction first given in broad clusters of skills basic to similar occupations. A comprehensive vocational education includes research into various employment options, vocational counseling, establishment of career goals, and the development of job skills, good work attitudes and job hunting strategies.

*(cf. 6163.4 – School Gardens, Greenhouses, and Farms)*

Because the equipment used in business and industry changes rapidly, as do the skills needed to operate it, the Board especially desires that the district's vocational education program be updated regularly to reflect current vocational practices, changes in technology and labor market conditions.

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

Equal opportunities shall be provided to all students in recruitment, enrollment, and placement activities, without regard to sex or disability.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance and Counseling Services)*

The Superintendent may appoint a vocational education advisory committee to assist the district with planning and evaluating vocational education programs. The committee shall include teachers and students representing each program area and employers and employees of the region served by the programs.

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

### *Legal Reference:*

#### ALASKA STATUTES

14.18.030 *Discrimination in counseling and guidance services prohibited*

14.30.375 *School gardens, greenhouses, and farms*

14.35.010-14.35.030 *Vocational education*

#### ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 51.200-4 AAC 51.390 *Secondary vocational educational programs*

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