

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** January 25, 2026

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**NUMBER:** 26-068

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Proposed  
Revisions to BP 6151  
Class Size; 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 6151 Class Size 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 6151 Class Size within the Instruction series.

This new policy establishes the class size requirement provisions that districts must create under HB 57.

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 6151 Class Size as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6151 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 6151 Class Size as presented and open for public comments.

## **BP 6151 CLASS SIZE**

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and make available to the public a target average class size for each grade level. The target average class size may not exceed the following:

- **Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6:** 23 students
- **Grade 7 through Grade 12:** 30 students

The class size targets may exclude mixed grade classes and courses in art, library, music, computer science, vocational-technical, and physical education.

The Superintendent or designee shall also establish a procedure to reduce class sizes when possible and appropriate.

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.065 *Maximum classroom size*

*Adopted:*

**Northwest Arctic Borough School District**