

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 25, 2026

NUMBER: 26-068

FR: Office of the Superintendent

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