

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 30, 2023

NUMBER: 24-021

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 5144.1,
Students, Suspension and
Expulsion; Second
Reading

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve Stakeholder Communication.

ABSTRACT:

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Students, Suspension and Expulsion.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the second reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Students, Suspension and Expulsion.

No public comment was given on this board policy. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes and recommends approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the second reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Students, Suspension and Expulsion as presented;
2. Do not approve second reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5144.1 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the second reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Students, Suspension and Expulsion as presented.

BP 5144.1 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Note: [4 AAC 07.010](#) mandates district policies on substantive and procedural matters related to student behavior, treatment and discipline.

The School Board recognizes that maintaining an environment which promotes learning and protects the health, safety, and welfare of all students may require the suspension or expulsion of a student from regular classroom instruction. District policies and school site rules shall clearly identify student behavior standards.

(cf. 5131 - Student Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Make-up Work)

The Superintendent or designee or principal administrator may impose suspension when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct or for serious misconduct.

The School Board may expel a student for severe or prolonged breaches of discipline. Except for single acts of a grave nature, expulsion is usually used only when there is a history of misconduct, when other forms of discipline, including suspension, have failed to bring about proper conduct, or when the student's presence causes a continuing danger to other students.

Suspended or expelled students shall be excluded from all school-related extracurricular activities during the suspension or expulsion.

The School Board shall provide for the fair treatment of students facing suspension and expulsion by affording them their due process rights under the law. The Superintendent or designee shall specify procedures for notices and appeals.

(cf. 3514 - Safety)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process - Individuals with Exceptional Needs)

(cf. 6164.3 - Student Mental Health - Medication and Services)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.03.160](#) *Suspension or expulsion of students for possessing weapons*

[14.30.045](#) *Grounds for suspension or denial of admission*

[14.30.047](#) *Admission or readmission, when cause no longer exists*

[Communications not prohibited](#)

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 06.060](#) *Suspension or denial of admission*

[4 AAC 07.010 - 4 AAC 07.900](#) *Student rights and responsibilities*

U.S. SUPREME COURT

[Goss v. Lopez](#), 419 U.S. 565 (1975)

Revision: (Date of Revision)

Adopted: April 28, 2004

Northwest Arctic Borough School District