

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 27, 2024

NUMBER: 25-004

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 3541.2
Transportation for Children
with Disabilities; 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 3541.2 Transportation for Children with Disabilities 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 3541.2 Transportation for Children with Disabilities within the Business and Non-Instructional Operations series.

This update includes additional inclusive language and updated references.

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 3541.2 Transportation for Children with Disabilities as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 3541.2 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 3541.2 Transportation for Children with Disabilities as presented and open for public comments.

BP 3541.2 TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Note: Children with disabilities must be transported with other non-disabled children if the district provides transportation to other students in the district. Separate transportation for an exceptional child is authorized only when it is in the best interest of that child due to the nature of the physical or mental disability. AS 14.30.347.

The School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide transportation services which give handicapped students access to appropriate education programs and services. The district shall provide transportation for students with disabilities ~~for exceptional students~~ in accordance with needs specified in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

In selecting the most appropriate mode of transportation, IEP teams shall consider the student's unique safety and health needs, the availability of equipment, existing transportation schedules, and the extent to which transportation arrangements may help the student develop independent mobility skills.

Whenever possible, children with disabilities shall be transported with students without disabilities.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3541.5 - Alternative Transportation Arrangements)

(cf. 6172 - Special Education)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.30.278](#) *Individualized education program*

[14.30.347](#) *Transportation of exceptional children*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 27.020](#) *Establishment of special education routes*

[4 AAC 27.045](#) *General provisions for regular and other conveyance routes, route extensions and in-lieu-of agreements*

[4 AAC 52.730](#) *State aid for transportation*

[4 AAC 27.021](#) *Establishment of special education routes*

Adopted: February 25, 1994

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District