

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: June 6, 2023

NUMBER: 23-136

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 6164.2,
Instruction, Guidance and
Counseling Services; First
Reading

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve Stakeholder Communication.

ABSTRACT:

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6164.2, Instruction, Guidance and Counseling Services and open for public comments.

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 first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6164.2, Instruction, Guidance and Counseling Services.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and to open for public comments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 6164.2, Instruction, Guidance and Counseling Services as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 6164.2 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 6164.2, Instruction, Guidance and Counseling Services as presented and open for public comments.

BP 6164.2 GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

Note: The following sample policy may be revised as appropriate to reflect district philosophy and needs. 4 AAC 51.330 requires districts to establish procedures for career and vocational guidance services, including dissemination of information about vocational programs and access to information regarding advanced training, employment or placement.

The School Board shall provide a counseling program to enhance academic achievement and emotional security. The Board recognizes that some students are in greater need of guidance than others. The counseling program shall serve students' diverse needs and shall encourage productive learning experiences.

Counselors shall make every effort to respect student confidentiality as appropriate and shall consult with the Superintendent or designee or with the district's legal counsel whenever unsure of how to respond to a student's personal problem. Parental consultation and consent for counseling shall be obtained as appropriate.

(cf. 5141 – Healthcare and Emergencies)

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

Academic counseling shall help students establish immediate and long-range educational plans consistent with their individual needs, abilities, interests and aptitudes without regard to sex. Insofar as possible, parents/guardians shall be included when making these plans, and student placement shall not be limited by past grades and test scores. Minority, disadvantaged, low-income and other students shall not be automatically or systematically channeled into vocational or special education.

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

Note: Under the Every Student Succeeds, districts receiving federal funds must provide military recruiters the same access to students as is provided generally to post-secondary educational institutions and prospective employers.

Counseling staff shall help secondary students to plan for the future, become aware of their career potential, understand the business world and develop realistic perceptions of work. Academic planning for higher education shall include information about courses needed for admission to colleges and universities, standardized admission tests, financial aid, and scholarships. Post-secondary institutions, prospective employers, and military recruiters may be granted access to students as deemed appropriate by counseling staff and the building administrator.

Note: 4 AAC 06.530 requires districts to establish written procedures for the biennial training of guidance and counseling personnel in the recognition of sex bias in counseling materials in techniques for overcoming the effects of sex bias.

As required by law, the Superintendent or designee shall provide biennial training for guidance and counseling staff in recognizing and overcoming sex bias.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Study Teams)

Legal Reference:

~~USUNITED STATES CODE~~

Elementary and Secondary Education Act, [20 U.S.C. §9528](#), as amended by the ~~No Child Left Behind Act of 2001~~ ([P.L. 107-110](#) ~~Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015,~~)

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.18.030](#) *Discrimination in counseling and guidance services prohibited*

[14.18.050](#) *Discrimination in course offerings prohibited*

[Prohibited actions](#)

[Communications not prohibited](#)

[List of community resources](#)

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 06.530](#) *Guidance and counseling services*

[4 AAC 51.330](#) *Vocational guidance and placement*

Adopted: April 28, 2004

Northwest Arctic Borough School District