

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-086

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 1250
Volunteer Assistance; 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 1250 Volunteer Assistance 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 1250 Volunteer Assistance within the Community Relation series.

This update modifies BP 1250 to clarify that background checks should be completed for all volunteers, regardless of the number of hours worked. It also clarifies that school visitors do not need to obtain a background check.

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 1250 Volunteer Assistance as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 1250 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 1250 Volunteer Assistance as presented and open for public comments.

BP 1250 VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

~~The wealth of experience available in the community is a resource that should be used in appropriate ways to enrich the educational program and strengthen our schools' relationships with homes, businesses, public agencies and private institutions. By their presence, volunteers also can make school environments safer and more closely supervised. The School Board recognizes that volunteer assistance in schools can enrich the educational program, increase supervision of students, and contribute to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships with the community. The School Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and abilities with our students.~~

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of volunteers. The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to protect the safety of both students and volunteers. ~~Including background check for crimes involving moral turpitude.~~

Note: The following optional paragraph is offered for districts that wish to provide students the greatest possible protection, and should be revised or deleted based on the district's needs and ability to implement this policy.

All persons who wish to volunteer service with or around students must undergo a background check that includes crimes involving moral turpitude.

Like employees and students, volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies and regulations.

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

(cf. 1260 - Visits to the school)

(cf. 5141.42 – Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students)

(cf. 4112.5 / 4212.5 / 4312.5 – All Personnel Security Check)

(cf. AR 4112.5 Security Check)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[20AAC 10035](#) - Regulation defining crimes of moral turpitude

Adopted: June 09, 2004

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District