

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 8, 2024

NUMBER: 24-095

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 5131.9
Academic Honesty; 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 5131.9 Academic Honesty, 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 5131.9 Academic Honesty within the Students series.

This update is a substantial revision to the model academic honesty policy, incorporating modern best practices and addressing the use of artificial intelligence programs.

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 5131.9 Academic Honesty as presented and open it for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5131.9 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 5131.9 Academic Honesty as presented and open it for public comments.

BP 5131.9 ACADEMIC HONESTY

~~The School Board believes that personal integrity is basic to all solid achievement. Students will reach their full potential only by being honest with themselves and with others.~~

Academic honesty and personal integrity are foundational components of a student's education in both the process of learning, and individual character development.

~~The Board expects that students will be truthful in all academic endeavors, and likewise, experience the requisite honor of proving their capabilities to themselves and the world. students to respect the educational purpose underlying all school activities. All students need to prove to themselves that they can do successful work as a result of their own efforts.~~

The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie ~~or~~, plagiarize , or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school sanctions.

The Board recognizes that the advancement and availability of artificial intelligence/generative technology (AI/GT), means the learning community is very likely to utilize this new technology. Such use must meet the requirements of academic honesty and yet allow for its application as a new tool for instruction, critical thinking, exploration, and development of original thought and material. It is expected and required that use of AI/GT will be appropriately referenced and noted.-

~~Each school shall provide an environment that encourages honesty. Students must know that their teachers will not ignore or condone cheating and that anyone discovered cheating will be penalized.~~

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Adopted: April 28, 2004

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District