

Instruction Sheet – AASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE SERVICE

2015-2016 UPDATE INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTE: This packet includes only those policy manual pages that have been revised, deleted or newly established. Full text pages are included and are to be substituted as indicated below. For ease of School Boards, AASB has identified those portions of the Update that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. This is indicated by a “Yes” or “No.” A “No” is used if changes have been made only to an AP or an Exhibit, or if policy changes are limited to explanatory notes, legal reference or cross-reference updates, or minor grammatical or stylistic changes that have not changed the policy meaning.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE 2015-16 UPDATE: Several policies included in this update are based on changes to federal and state law that are not effective until the 2017-2018 school year. These policies are identified below with the notation “Delayed Implementation Note.” Accordingly, districts need not adopt these policy revisions until a later date, if delayed adoption is desired. If the policy is adopted prior to the effective date of the law, districts will need to be in compliance with the policy requirements.

Replace/Add	Formal Adoption Required	Description
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ARTICLE 5, Series 5000 - Students

BP 5141.41	Yes	<p>SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION [<i>FORMERLY TITLED: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION</i>]</p> <p>DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION NOTE: This policy does not require immediate adoption because the law requiring sexual abuse, sexual assault and dating violence awareness and prevention training does not take effect until June 30, 2017. Districts may choose to adopt this policy now or to wait until the effective date. A district should not adopt in advance of the effective date, unless the district is prepared to implement the policy at the time it is adopted.</p> <p>Substantial changes were made to the introductory note, the legal references section and the text of the policy to add school district’s additional obligations to train employees on sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention and dating violence and abuse, as outlined in new statutes AS 14.30.355 and AS 14.30.356, effective June 30, 2017</p>
BP 5145.15	Yes	<p>STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS</p> <p>DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION NOTE: This policy revision does not require immediate adoption because the law requiring greater parent consent for student surveys does not take effect until June 30, 2017. Districts may choose to adopt this policy now or to wait until the effective date. A district should not adopt in advance of the effective date, unless the district is prepared to implement the policy at the time it is adopted.</p> <p>The second note and the text of this policy is updated to reflect the change in AS 14.03.110 addressing student surveys and questionnaires. As of June 30, 2017, this statute will require written parent consent before a school administers or permits to be administered a questionnaire or survey in a school. Previously written consent was only requires for surveys or questionnaires that inquired into personal or private family affairs of a student. The policy was also revised to require schools to provide notice of who will have access to the results of the questionnaire or survey, in addition to other notice requirements.</p>

**SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**

BP 5141.41 (a)

Note: Effective June 30, 2017, school districts must establish a training program for students and provide parent notices relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention for students in kindergarten through grade 12. AS 14.30.355. By the same date, school districts shall establish a training program for students and provide parent notices relating to dating violence and abuse in grades seven through 12. AS 14.30.356.

Every child has the right to live free of physical and emotional abuse, including neglect, sexual assault and dating violence. The School Board recognizes that such abuse has severe consequences for the child, sometimes resulting in the child's own violent behavior or in substance abuse. The district shall provide a comprehensive program of health and safety that educates students regarding the recognition and avoidance of sexual abuse and dating violence and includes parents in prevention and intervention services.

A. Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

1. The district will provide age-appropriate information to students in grades kindergarten through twelve to teach students the difference between appropriate and inappropriate conduct in situations where sexual abuse could occur, and to identify actions students may take to prevent and report sexual abuse or sexual assault.
2. Students will be informed of referral and resource information, including the availability of student counseling and educational support.
3. The Superintendent will implement various methods for increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children.

B. Dating Violence and Abuse Awareness and Prevention

1. The district will provide age-appropriate information to students in grades seven through twelve to teach students the characteristics of healthy and respectful relationships, the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, and measures to prevent, report, and stop violence and abuse.
2. Students will be educated about youth violence prevention that reinforces nonviolent solutions to problems so as to recognize and avoid the threat or use of physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse to control the person's dating partner.
3. Students will be informed of community and district resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse.

C. Voluntary Participation

A student may be excused from participation in the district's awareness and prevention programs described above upon written request of a parent or guardian, or of the student if 18 years or older, or legally emancipated.

D. Child Abuse and Neglect

The Superintendent or designee shall provide coordinated training for teachers who will use the child abuse prevention curriculum, including instruction in the physical and behavioral indicators of abuse, crisis counseling techniques, community resources, rights and responsibilities to report abuse or neglect, and care for a child's needs after a report is made.

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

Note: Educators may be invited to serve on a multidisciplinary child protection team, if determined appropriate by a consensus of the team. AS 47.14.300

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/ Sex Education)

(Legal References next page)

**SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION (cont.)**

BP 5141.41 (b)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.355 Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention

14.30.356 Dating violence and abuse policy, training, awareness, prevention, and notices.

14.30.360 Curriculum (Health and Safety Education)

47.14.300 Multidisciplinary child protection teams

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