

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 AR 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 6, Series 6000 - Instruction

BP 6142.2	Yes	<p>AIDS INSTRUCTION</p> <p>The introductory note and legal reference section have been updated to refer to and cite the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. The introductory note has also been revised to more accurately identify the limitations on the use of federal funds with regard to components of a district’s sex education program, including AIDS prevention education. The text of the policy contains numerous revisions to more accurately reflect current views and understanding of AIDS and HIV prevention. Specific requirements that limit school district discretion and flexibility have been removed, including language identifying which staff members will provide AIDS and HIV education.</p>
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AIDS INSTRUCTION

BP 6142.2

Note: The following optional policy should be revised or deleted to reflect district philosophy and needs.

Notes: For districts receiving federal funds, section 7906 of the Every Student Succeeds Act sets limitations on how districts approach sexual subject matter and sex education. The law requires that federal funds *not* be used to (1) develop or distribute materials or programs that encourage or promote sexual activity, (2) distribute or aid in the distribution by any organization of obscene materials to minors on school grounds, (3) provide sex education or HIV prevention education unless that instruction is age appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence, or (4) operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools. Non-federal funds may be used for these activities.

The School Board recognizes that acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) pose a health risk. An effective weapon against the spread of this deadly disease is public education.

The district's health education program will include factual information about the transmission of AIDS and HIV. Students will be informed of voluntary behaviors that can result in infection and will be encouraged to prevent infection by making wise decisions in their daily lives. Instruction shall emphasize that abstinence is the only totally effective protection against AIDS through sexual transmission.

Instruction must be appropriate to the age and grade level of the students receiving it. The School Board particularly desires that students receive proper AIDS education before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting AIDS.

Parents/guardians and community members should have input into the selection and/or development of instructional materials to be used in AIDS instruction. The curriculum shall be updated regularly.

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)

(cf. 5141.41 – Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention)

Sufficient classroom time should be provided to fully cover essential knowledge appropriate for each grade level and allow students time to ask questions and discuss issues raised by the information presented.

In cooperation with local health agencies, as appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a program of orientation and information about the AIDS Instructional program for parents/guardians and interested members of the community. This program shall include the opportunity to examine all instructional materials.

Before students receive AIDS instruction, parents/guardians shall be notified. Alternative study arrangements will be made for students whose parents/guardians ask that they not receive instruction.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints concerning Instructional Material)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.360 Curriculum

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7906 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95 December 10, 2015)

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