

Instruction Sheet – AASB POLICY REFERENCE MANUAL UPDATE SERVICE

2015-2016 UPDATE INSTRUCTION SHEET

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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 5141.3	Yes	HEALTH EXAMINATIONS Updates were made to the introductory note, the text of the policy and the legal references section to reflect the repeal of portions of AS 14.30.070 and the entirety of AS 14.30.120, effective June 30, 2016. The repeal eliminates the requirement that school districts provide for or require each child in the district to have a physical and a vision and hearing screening upon entry into school or as soon as practical.
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HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

BP 5141.3

Note: Effective June 30, 2016, districts are no longer required by state law to provide for or require each child to have a physical examination and a vision and hearing screening examination upon entry into school and at regular intervals as determined by the school board. While districts are no longer required to provide for and require physical examinations of every child attending school, the Department of Health and Social Services may require the district to conduct physical examinations it considers necessary and may reimburse the district for examinations. The following optional policy may be revised or deleted as needed.

The School Board recognizes the importance of periodic health examinations. To determine the health status of students, facilitate the removal of handicaps to learning, and determine whether special adaptations of the school program may be necessary, the School Board may offer physical examinations to students, including tests for vision and hearing.

All personnel employed to examine students shall exercise proper care of each student being examined and shall ensure that the examination results are kept confidential.

Note: If a school district will be using federal money to perform exams or screenings on students, the district must annually notify parents of the exam or screening, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings. The following language implements federal law.

The district will annually notify parents of physical exams or screenings of students, except for routine vision, hearing, or scoliosis screenings.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.065 *Supervision*

14.30.070 *Physical examination required*

14.30.127 *Vision and hearing screening examinations*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.055 *Immunizations required*

UNITED STATES CODE

42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* (2014)

20 U.S.C. §§ 1232g (2013)

20 U.S.C. §§ 1232h (2002)

29 U.S.C. § 794(a) (2002)

34 C.F.R. pt. 99 (2011)

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