

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 28, 2026

FR: Office of the Superintendent

NUMBER: 26-136
SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 4122
Certificated Personnel -
Student Teachers; 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 4122 Certificated Personnel - Student Teachers 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 4122 Certificated Personnel - Student Teachers within the Personnel series.

This update requires that the superintendent establish criteria for a student teacher program.

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 4122 Certificated Personnel - Student Teachers as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 4122 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 4122 Certificated Personnel - Student Teachers as presented and open for public comments.

BP 4122 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL - STUDENT TEACHERS

Note: Effective August 1, 2015, a student teacher must be under the general supervision of a teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate, has at least one year of teaching experience in the district where the student teacher is serving, has at least three years total teaching experience, and meets or exceeds professional content and performance standards described in [4 AAC 04.200](#). Additional requirements for student teachers are stated in [4 AAC 30.020](#).

The School Board is legitimately interested in the quality of teacher training programs and encourages the use of student teachers in the eDistrict. Such use shall support the instructional needs of the eDistrict and may enable future teachers to fulfill state requirements, learn how to teach, and receive valuable feedback which can enhance their competence.

The Superintendent or designee may enter into agreements with accredited colleges and universities to allow student teachers to have supervised teaching experiences and/or observations within the eDistrict. The Superintendent or designee may collaborate with the program administrators of teacher preparation institutions to jointly develop, supervise and evaluate practical programs which provide training, support and evaluation for the student teacher.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish the criteria for host teacher participation in a teacher training program, such as including a minimum number of years of teaching experience and positive evaluations.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 30. - 020](#) Student teachers

[4 AAC 04.200](#) Professional Content and Performance Standards

~~Revised: June 2017~~

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Northwest Arctic Borough School District