

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 28, 2026

FR: Office of the Superintendent

NUMBER: 26-132
SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP
4119.12/4219.12/4319.12
All Personnel –
Harassment; 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 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 All Personnel – Harassment 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 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 All Personnel – Harassment within the Personnel series.

This update updates harassment language to fit best practices, including that it relates to all school district activities and facilities.

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 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 All Personnel – Harassment as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 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 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 All Personnel – Harassment as presented and open for public comments.

BP 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 ALL PERSONNEL - HARASSMENT

The School Board is dedicated to providing a safe environment. Harassment disrupts a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Personnel are expected to demonstrate positive character traits and values. Conduct and speech must be civil and respectful.

~~The School Board recognizes that harassment can cause embarrassment, feelings of powerlessness, loss of self-confidence, reduced ability to perform school work, and increased absenteeism or tardiness. The School Board shall not tolerate the harassment of any student by any other student or district employee. Any student or employee who is found guilty of harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or termination.~~

Personnel are prohibited from engaging in any form of harassment in any school-related setting, including but not limited to: school property, during school hours, on school buses, at bus stops, and at school-sponsored activities, events, or functions.

Harassment means and includes, but is not limited to, intimidation by threats of or ~~actual~~ physical violence; the creation ~~by whatever means~~ of a climate of hostility or intimidation; or the use of language, conduct, or symbols in such a manner as to convey hatred, contempt, or prejudice or to have the effect of insulting or stigmatizing an individual. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, harassment on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability.

(cf. 5131.43 – Harassment, intimidation and bullying)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/ Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 – Codes of Ethics)

To promote an environment free of harassment, the administrator or designee shall take appropriate actions such as removing vulgar or offending graffiti, establishing site rules, and providing staff inservice or student instruction and counseling. Administrator-s shall discuss this policy with their employees and shall assure them that they need not endure any form of harassment.

The School Board encourages students or staff to immediately report incidences of harassment to the administrator or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate each complaint of harassment in a way that ensures the privacy of all parties concerned. In no case shall the student or staff member be required to resolve the complaint directly with the offending person.

Notice of this policy will be circulated to all District schools and departments and incorporated in teacher and student handbooks.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 1312.3 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in employment)

(cf. 5141.42 - Professional Boundaries ~~for-of~~ staff ~~and-with~~ students)

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

[AS 14.18.010 - 14.18.100](#) *Prohibition Against Sex and Race Discrimination*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 06.500 - 4 AAC 06.600](#) *Prohibition of Gender or Race Discrimination*

TITLE VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

TITLE IX, EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT OF 1975

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

Adopted: June 09, 2004

Revised: August 30, 2023

Revised:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District