

## **BP 6146.5 DIFFERENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS**

### **Course Requirements**

The School Board recognizes that regular course requirements may not be appropriate for all students enrolled in district special education programs. Students with exceptional needs should meet the regular district requirements to the extent that their handicaps or disabilities permit. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team will determine if a student's disabilities preclude the student from attaining the district's regular standards. Students with disabilities that prevent them from regular course requirements may complete substitute courses. The determination and development of appropriate differential standards will be included in the student's IEP.

### **Standardized Assessment**

Every student with a disability will participate in statewide assessments as required by law. Student participation will be facilitated by the provision of accommodations as identified in a student's Section 504 plan or IEP.

Students with disabilities must take all statewide standards-based tests, with or without accommodations, unless an alternate assessment is necessary. An alternate assessment may be conducted for students whose cognitive abilities and adaptive skills prevent completion of the standard academic curricula, even with modifications and accommodations as determined by the IEP team. Alternate assessments may also be conducted for those students enrolled in a curriculum focused on functional life skills where the student requires direct instruction in multiple settings to apply and transfer skills. In such instances, an alternate assessment shall be provided as specified in the IEP or Section 504 plan.

### **College and Career Readiness Assessment**

The IEP team for a student with a significant cognitive disability may determine whether the student will take the college and career readiness assessment. The IEP team's determination should consider whether the assessment supports the transition plan set forth in the student's IEP.

*Legal Reference:*

*ALASKA STATUTES*

*14.03.075 College and career readiness assessment; retroactive issuance of diploma*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

*4 AAC 06.717 College and career readiness assessments*

*4 AAC 06.775 Statewide assessment program for students with disabilities*

*4 AAC 06.078 Alternative completion requirements; students with disabilities*

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