

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #7 (2007-2008)

August 27, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD POLICY REVISION: SECTION 444.21 EXPECTATIONS
FOR ZONE EXEMPTIONS (SECOND READING)

ASD Goal: *Ensure public accountability through effective communication with students, staff, parents, community and government at all levels.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the attached proposed revision to School Board Policy 444.21, Expectations for Zone Exemptions.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District is a limited open enrollment district, allowing students to zone exempt into schools outside their neighborhood boundary based on program need and space availability. When students receive zone exemptions, the school district does not provide transportation to and from school except on a case-by-case, space available basis. When applying for a zone exemption, parents or guardians agree to provide transportation to their student.

In some cases, the district has discovered that students are walking along or across roadways the district has designated as hazardous and has great concern for their safety. The recommended policy revision (Attachment A) would allow zone exemption applications to notify parents that students may not walk along or across such designated roads, and in the event this occurs and is not remedied, allows the district to revoke the zone exemption.

At its August 31 meeting, the Policy Subcommittee unanimously approved forwarding this recommended revision to the full Board for consideration. The full School Board unanimously passed the proposed changes on First Reading at their meeting on August 13, 2007.

CC/RG

Attachment

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444.21 Expectations for Zone Exemption

Any type of attendance area or zone exemption is subject to the following provisions:

- a. It is the parents' responsibility to provide transportation at their own expense; exceptions may be made on a case by case basis. Unless walking with an adult, a student must not walk along or across a roadway designated by the school district as hazardous.
- b. Students must be delivered to school and leave school at times established by the principals.
- c. Any false statements will be subject to administrative review and appropriate action.
- d. Prior to enrolling a student in a school in another zone, the parents of the student must agree that the student will complete at least the current school year without requesting further zone exemption transfer unless the teacher, principal, and parent find the educational and emotional needs of the student are not being met.
- e. Students must meet the attendance and behavior standards of the admitting school.