

Summary of Proposed Code of Ethics Changes

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Proposal Number	Section	Type	Summary
1	20 AAC 10.020 (a)	Amend	Add additional wording <i>“as well as any individual holding an Alaska issued education certificate. This includes Student Teacher Authorizations”</i> to expand and more clearly state who is under the jurisdiction of the PTPC.
2	20 AAC 10.020 (b)(4)	Amend	Add additional phrase <i>“including up to 1 year after the former student has graduated,”</i> to explicitly prohibit sexual conduct with recently graduated students.
3	20 AAC 10.020 (b)(6)	Amend	Add words <i>“gender identification”</i> to expand list of protected classes for students.
4	20 AAC 10.020 (c)(3)	Amend	Add additional wording <i>“and by adhering to all rules, policies, procedures, and other requirements established by DEED regarding the administration and operation of the statewide student assessment system as delineated in 4 AAC 06.761 (Test administration) and 4 AAC 06.765 (Test security; consequences of breach)”</i> to broaden responsibilities of educators surrounding the statewide student assessments.
5	20 AAC 10.020 (d)(1)	Amend	Add words <i>“gender identification”</i> to expand list of protected classes for colleagues. (See definition of colleague in proposal 10 below.)
6	20 AAC 10.020 (d)(6)	Amend	Add wording <i>“who must be a member of the teaching profession as defined by AS 14.20.370,”</i> to clarify that this section applies only to certificated employees.
7	20 AAC 10.020 (d)(9)	Amend	Add wording <i>“employment (including employment application),”</i> to specifically include employment issues as an additional area that cannot be falsified or misrepresented.
8	20 AAC 10.900 (1)	Amend	Add significant wording to more explicitly explain what constitutes inappropriate sexual conduct between an educator and a student. <i>“Definition: “Sexual conduct” includes, but is not limited to, solicitations for sex; explicit sexual jokes and stories; flirtatious or sexually related comments; sexual kidding or teasing; sexual innuendos or comments with double entendre; inappropriate physical touching; soliciting, encouraging, participating, or initiating inappropriate written, verbal, electronic, physical or romantic relationship with students, whether consensual or nonconsensual; discussion of the educator’s sexual feelings or activities; discussion, outside of a professional teaching or counseling context, of a student’s sexual feelings or activities; discussion outside the approved school curriculum of material of a sexual nature; and “sexual penetration” and “sexual contact” as those terms are defined in AS 11.81.900(j).”</i>

9	20 AAC 10.900 (4)	New	Add new section to define student for purposes of the Code of Ethics. <i>“Definition: “student” is any individual enrolled in a public or private school, or any individual who is under the age of 20 and has not yet completed the 12th grade. A “student” in higher education is an individual enrolled in at least one course at an institution of higher education.”</i>
10	20 AAC 10.900 (5)	New	Add a new section to define the term “ colleague ” as used in the Code of Ethics. <i>“Definition: “colleague” includes any certificated educator as well as individuals who are employed by the school district on a permanent or temporary basis.”</i>
11	20 AAC 10.900 (6)	New	Add a new section to define the term “ educator ” as used in the Code of Ethics. <i>“Definition: “educator” includes any individual holding an Alaska issued education certificate, as well as instructors in higher education.”</i>
12	20 AAC 10.900 (7)	New	Add a new section to define “ members of the profession ” as used in the Code of Ethics. <i>“Definition: “members of the profession” includes all members of the teaching profession, as defined in AS 14.20.370, as well as any individual holding an Alaska issued education certificate.”</i>

Note: “AS 14.20.370. Teaching profession. Teachers required by state law to be certificated, instructors in institutions of higher learning, school administrations, school program administrators, and school counselors are within the teaching profession.”