

Alaska Reads Act Early Education and Parents As Teachers

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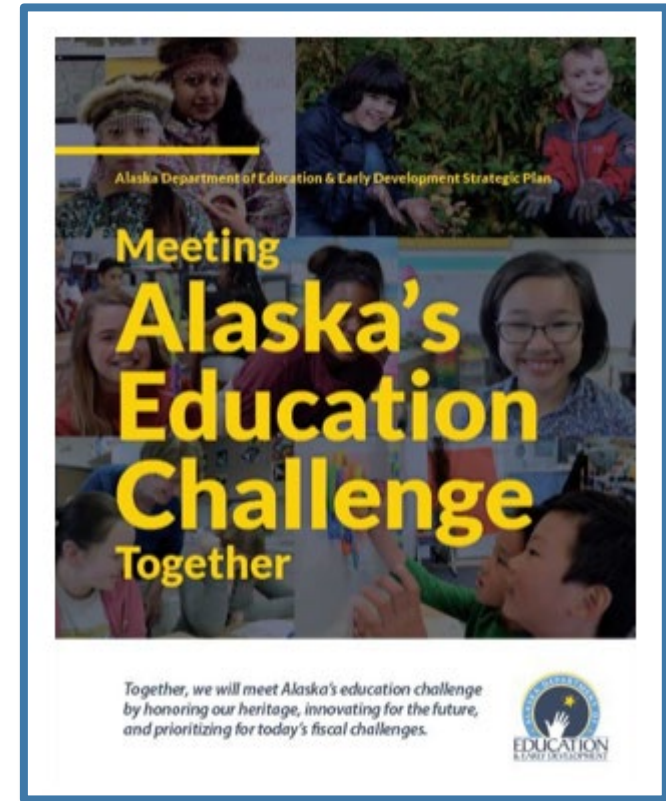
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
<p>An excellent education for every student every day.</p>	<p>All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.</p> <p>- Alaska Statute 14.03.015</p>	<p>DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.</p>

Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Priorities:

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1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
 2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
 3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
 4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
 5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



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Agenda

- Details of Alaska Reads Act webinars
- Alaska Reads Act Overview
- Parents as Teachers Overview
- Early Education Grants
- Questions



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Details

Alaska Reads Act Webinar Schedule:

Weekly on Thursdays or Fridays from 3:15-4:15

Reads Act Focus:	Dates:	Leader and Presenter:
District Reading Intervention	January 12 to February 2	Susy McKenzie
Teacher Certification	February 9	Sondra Meredith
Department Reading Program	February 16 to March 2	Susy McKenzie
Early Learning	March 9 to March 23	Deb Riddle
Data Collections	March 30	John Jones
Virtual Education	April 6 to April 20	Kelly Manning
SOR Symposium Pre-Conference	April 28	Susy McKenzie
Office Hours	Feb. 10, March 10, April 7, May 4, May 11	ALL

Alaska Reads Act Timeline and Resources

TIMELINE

- Regulations
 - August 2022 – December 2022
- Preparation
 - September 2022 – March 2023
- State Board of Education regulation package
 - January 25, 2023
- Public Comment
 - February 2023 – March 2023
- Anticipated Adoption
 - April 2023

RESOURCES

<https://education.alaska.gov/akreads>:

- Webinar schedule and registration
- Recordings of webinars
- Slide decks
- Draft documents shared during webinars
- One-page supports
- FAQ



Communication

- Use the chat for questions.
 - Zoom name reflects you and your district/organization
 - Questions addressed as time permits
 - FAQ document
- Send questions to akreads@alaska.gov
- Request presentation for your district
- Reading Newsletter
- Alaska Reads Website (education.alaska.gov/akreads)
 - Weekly updates
- Planning in-person meetings around the state
- *THANK YOU to many who provided feedback*



*Please
remember...*

Regulations are in draft form. The final adopted regulations may result in some changes to what will be presented in each webinar. Thanks for your patience as we work to balance processes with stakeholder communication.

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Alaska Reads Act Overview

Alaska Reads Act Components



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Reads Act Programmatic Elements:

- 1) District Reading Improvement
- 2) Department Reading Program
- 3) Early Education Programs and Parents as Teachers
- 4) Virtual Education

Other Components:

- 1) Educator preparation requirements
- 2) Reporting and data collections

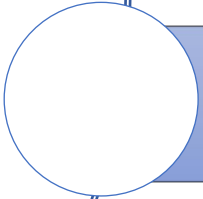
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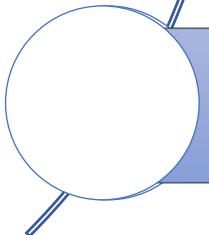
Parents As Teachers Program



District-Wide Early Education Program Grants



Early Education Program Standards



Early Education Program Eligibility to receive .5 ADM

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Early Education: Parents as Teachers Overview



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Codified until 2033

Requirements aligned with National PAT Affiliation

Department of Health

- Administer the grants
- Collect child and family data
- Provide support to PAT program grantees

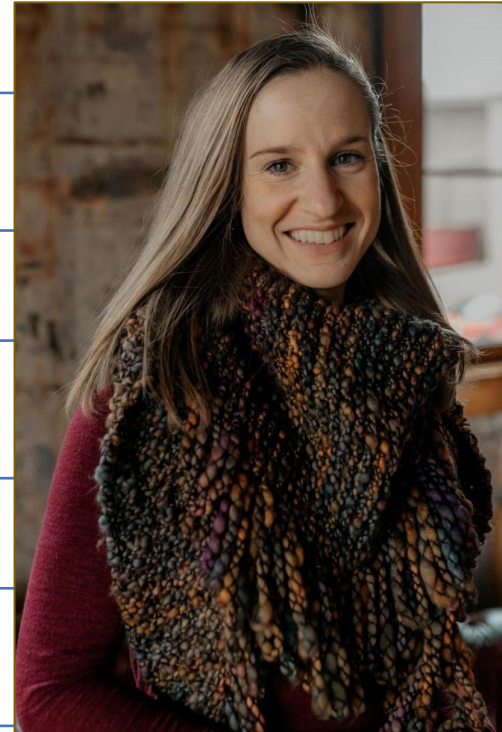


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District-Wide Early Education Program Grants Overview



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House Bill 114

Early Education Program Grants

AS 14.07.165(b)

The department may award a grant to provide funding for a **three-year period** for the development or improvement of a district-wide early education program to a **district** that has not received a grant under this section, applies in a format prescribed by the department, provides the information required under (g) of this section, and is eligible for a grant specified under (c) of this section.





Grant Eligibility

Only school districts may apply

- Grant funds may not supplant other early education funding available to districts
- Priority to lowest performing school districts

District-Wide Early Education Program Grant

PURPOSE

To promote school readiness and positive outcomes for participating four and five-year-old children

At the end of the three-year grant period:


- Meet all Early Education Program Standards approved by the Alaska State Board of Education
- Become eligible for 0.5 ADM/formula funding per enrolled student



Consultation

Before Applying, District-Wide Early Education Program Grant Applicants must:

1. Determine an insufficient number of children in the district attend high-quality child care programs.
[Sec 14.03.410(c)]
2. Consult with each local and tribal head start program within the district's boundaries.
[Sec 14.03.410(g)]



DISTRICT-WIDE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM CONSULTATION FORM

School District: [Choose an item.](#)

Head Start Program(s): [Choose an item.](#)

Data

School District Elementary School	Number of Kindergarteners From Last Enrollment Count	High-Quality Child Care Programs (HQCCP)* in School Service Area	Number of Children Enrolled in HQCCP's

*High-Quality Child Care is defined as programs, including head start programs, early education programs provided by a local government, and early education programs provided by child development agencies, that meet or exceed the Early Education Program standards adopted by the State Board of Education

Meeting Documentation

Meeting Date	Attendees	Topics Discussed

Form # 05-23-050
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Consultation Signature Page



DISTRICT-WIDE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM CONSULTATION FORM

Agreement/Disagreement with the Proposed Program

Printed Name and Initials	Role	Date	Support Program Application
	Head Start Director		Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
	Head Start Policy Council Member		Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
	District Superintendent		Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
	School Board Member		Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>
			Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>

Grant Application Timeline

Application Posted: March 7, 2023

Technical Assistance Webinars:

March 14, 2023, 3:30-4:30pm

March 15, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

Application Deadline: April 4, 2023

Notice of Intent to Award:

April 17, 2023

Notice of Awards: May 18, 2023

DISTRICT-WIDE EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION
FY24 - FY26



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Grant Technical Assistance Webinars

March 14, 2023, 3:30-4:30pm

March 15, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

Will review:

- Grant application requirements
- Requirements if awarded grant

Alaska Early Education Program Standards

**Alaska Reads Act
Implementation Webinar**

March 16, 3:15-4:15pm



Questions



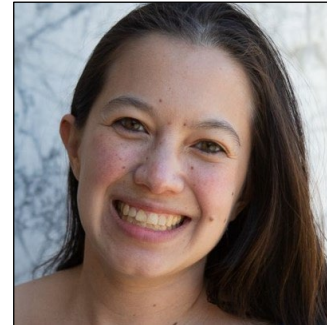
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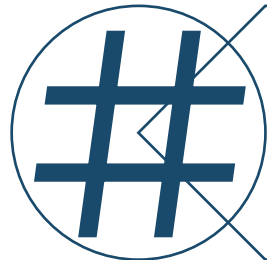
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