

Early Education Program Standards proposed changes

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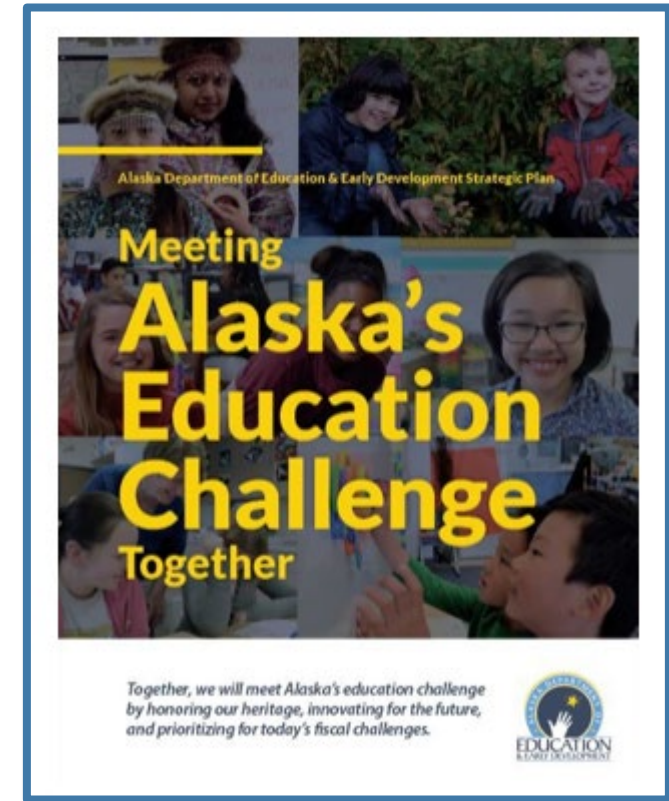
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

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An excellent education for every student every day.	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. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Priorities:

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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Alaska Reads

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House Bill 114, Chapter 40, SLA 2022
Passed May, 2022

Alaska Early Education Program Standards

A framework for early education programs operated by school districts.

Effective July 1, 2023

EEP Grant Program

Provides resources to districts that are working to implement the EEP Standards.

Began 2023-2024 school year

0.5 ADM Funding

Allocated for programs that meet the EEP Standards.

Began 2023-2024 school year

.5 ADM application overview

- FY24 – Six applications received
 - Anchorage School District was awarded conditional approval
- FY25 – Four applications received
 - Skagway School District and Valdez School District were awarded conditional approval and Anchorage School District was awarded full approval

Intent of changes to Early Education Program Standards

- HB148 – removed “Head Start Program Performance Standards” language
- Remove barriers for districts applying for EEP .5ADM
- Stakeholder input and review meeting on Dec. 10, 2024
- Follow up survey sent Dec. 10, 2024, and open through January 10, 2025.

Major Proposed Changes

The results of the survey along with the Early Learning team's experience in supporting districts move towards achieving the standards are reflected in the proposed changes.

- Coaching standard was moved to supplemental section
- The mental health consultant portion of the Social and Emotional Support standard was moved to the supplemental section