



# STRONG POLICY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN EARLY LITERACY



The Alaska Reads Act, signed into law in 2022 by Governor Mike Dunleavy and co-sponsored by former Senator Tom Begich, is designed to ensure all students can read at grade level by the end of third grade. This landmark legislation seeks to transform early literacy education by incorporating systematic, evidence-based instructional practices rooted in the Science of Reading and rigorous educational and professional teaching standards.

EARLY SCREENING HELPS IDENTIFY READING DIFFICULTIES AS EARLY AS KINDERGARTEN, INFORMING TARGETED INSTRUCTION TO ENSURE STUDENTS ARE ON TRACK TO SUCCEED.



### Literacy Screeners

Utilizing standardized tools to assess early reading skills



### Curriculum Aligned to Science of Reading

Implementing evidence-based reading instruction methods



### K-3 Science of Reading Endorsement

Providing rigorous professional development for educators to deepen their understanding of effective reading instruction



### Individual Reading Plans

Developing tailored educational strategies to meet the unique needs of each student



### Intensive Tutoring & Summer School Options

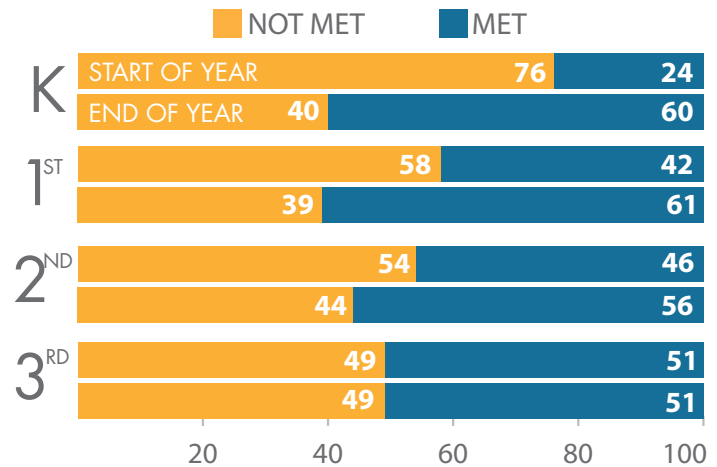
Offering additional support and learning opportunities to ensure students meet literacy benchmarks



### Continuous Parent Communication & Collaboration

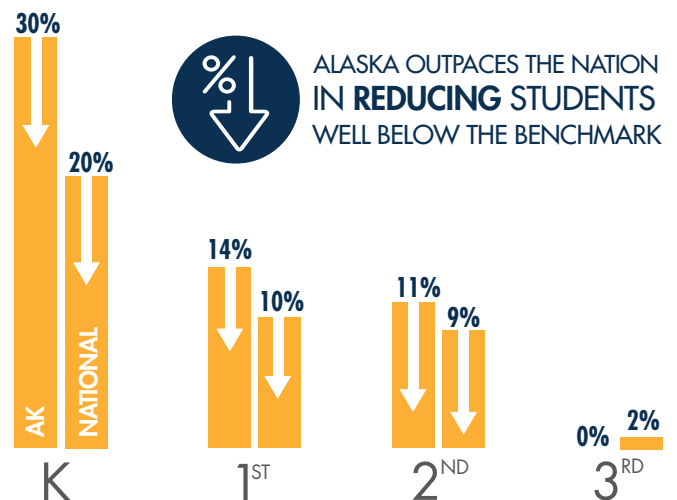
Engaging parents in their children's educational progress to foster a supportive learning environment

## 2023-24 AK GRADE LEVEL SKILL ACHIEVEMENT



**KG INCREASED**  
STUDENT LEARNING  
FROM **24%** TO **60%**

## 2023-24 AK VS. NATIONAL REDUCTION OF AT-RISK STUDENTS



ALASKA OUTPACES THE NATION  
IN **REDUCING** STUDENTS  
WELL BELOW THE BENCHMARK