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Alaska Seeks Information from Assessment Vendors

JUNEAU – The Department of Education and Early Development is seeking information from vendors that are interested in and can provide annual statewide assessments in English language arts, math, and science, beginning in spring 2017.

The department today released a Request for Information from vendors of standardized assessments. Vendors have until Sept. 6 to submit a letter of interest that includes succinct responses to the department's assessment priorities.

Alaska assesses public school students in English language arts and math in grades 3 through 10, and in science in grades 4, 8 and 10. The assessments are aligned with Alaska's standards.

These statewide end-of-year assessments will provide one piece of information that helps fulfill three main purposes:

- Inform the public and policy makers about how well students are meeting Alaska's standards.
- Provide data for school improvement efforts and to close achievement gaps.
- Ensure equity in educational opportunity for all students.

To see the Request for Information, go to Alaska Online at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=182591>

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