

State Board of Education Report to the Legislature

Joint House and Senate Education Committee

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2024 State Board of Education



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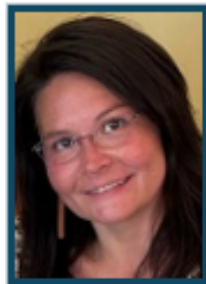
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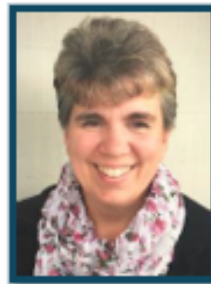
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Alaska State Constitution Education Clause

Section 7.1 | Public Education

The legislature shall by general law establish and maintain a system of public schools open to all children of the State and may provide for other public educational institutions. Schools and institutions so established shall be free from sectarian control. No money shall be paid from public funds for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution.

AS 14.07.168. Report to the Legislature

Not later than the 30th legislative day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present in person to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the bylaws of the board. The report must include:

1. A summary of the resolves and rationales provided in support of policy decisions made under AS 14.03.015
2. Program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125
3. Additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and maintain the public education system

DEED 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>

SBOE Subcommittee Structure

The Board has five committees aligned to the Alaska Education's Challenge:

- Reading
- Career and Technical and Culturally Relevant Education
- Tribal Compacting
- Effective Educators
- Safety and Well Being

Regulations, Resolutions, and Other Board Actions

Approved Regulations

Assessment Participation Guidelines

- 4 AAC 06.775 (a), administering statewide assessments to students with disabilities, whereby an updated version of the Participation Guidelines for Inclusion of Alaska Students in State Assessments

Assessment Cut Scores for the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR)

- 4 AAC 06.739 (b), achievement levels for English language arts and mathematics;
- 4 AAC 06.822 (b), accountability sub scores

Social Studies Standards | 4 AAC 04.140 Content Standards

Student Advisor Elect to the State Board of Education | 4 AAC 03.025(c), Advisory members of state board

Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) Program | 4 AAC 33.605-4 AAC 33.690

Regulations, Resolutions, and Other Board Actions

SBOE Approved

- State Tribal Education Compact Schools Demonstration Legislative Report
- State Board of Education and Early Development Report to the Legislature
- School Construction and Major Maintenance Lists
- Culturally Relevant Career and Technical Education (CRCTE) Program Recognition Awards
- Resolution Related to Cell Phone Restrictions
- New Board Member and Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) Appointments

Correspondence School Report

HB202

- Correspondence programs must report annually on:
 - Student Enrollment
 - Demographics
 - Allotment Fund Disbursement
 - Assessment Proficiency Scores
 - Curricula Reviews
- The reporting requirement is set to expire on July 1, 2025.
- The correspondence report was submitted to the legislature with the SBOE Report to the Legislature on February 6, 2025.

Alaska's Education Challenge

Priority 1 | *Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade*

Strong Policy Makes a Difference in Early Literacy



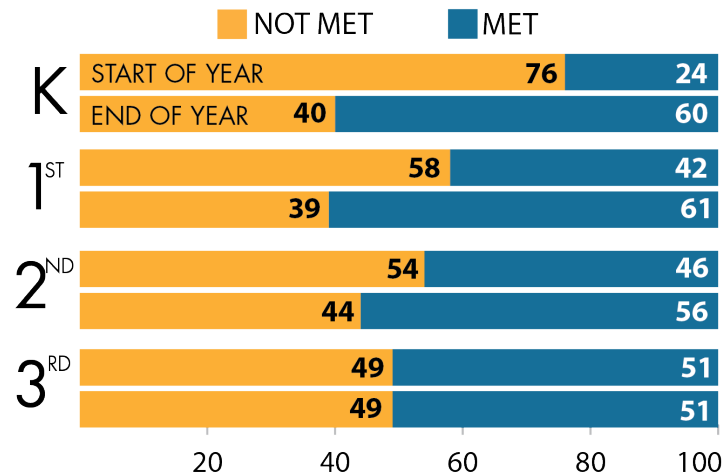
The Alaska Reads Act, signed into law in 2022 by Governor Mike Dunleavy and co-sponsored by former Senator Tom Begich, is designed to ensure all students can read at grade level by the end of third grade. This landmark legislation seeks to transform early literacy education by incorporating systematic,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

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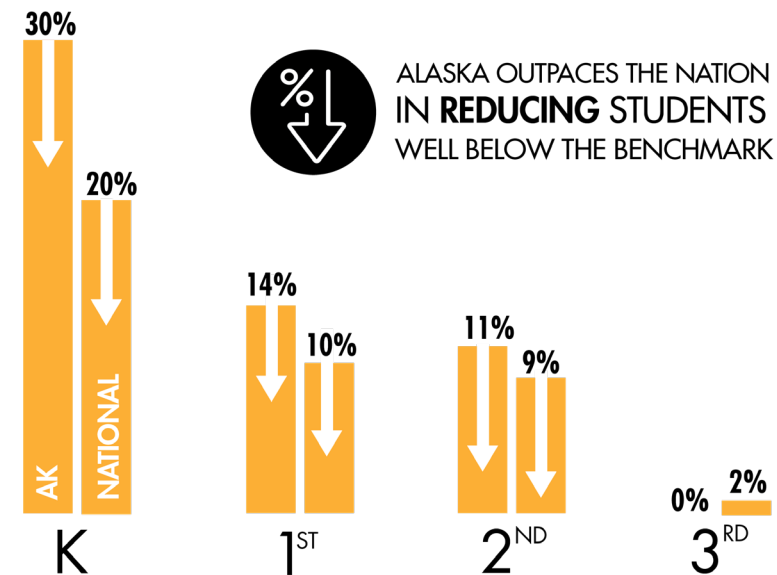
Highlights | *K-3 Literacy Screener – mCLASS DIBELS 8*

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



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- Alaska Reads Act District Reading Improvement Plan (DRIP)
- Department Reading Program
- Early Education
- Virtual Learning Consortium
- New Data Collection Requirements
- Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Educators Funds used to Support Science of Reading Training
- School Accountability and Designations
- Alyeska Reading Academy and Institute (ARAI)
- Alaska's Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant (CLSD)

Alaska's Education Challenge

Priority 2 | *Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs*

Highlights

- Advancing State-Tribal Public Education Compacting
- Computer Coding Credential Pathways
- Career and Technical Education Grants
- Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Career Guidance

Alaska's Education Challenge

Priority 3 | *Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources*

Highlights

- Alaska Balanced Assessment 2024 Results and Summary
- Head Start
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants
- Early Learning Coordination Grants
- School Improvement
- Alaska Social Studies Standards
- Alaska Educator Working Group Statewide Distribution
- American Rescue Plan- Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)
- Purple Star Schools Program
- Data Warehouse and Data Dashboard Project

Alaska's Education Challenge

Priority 4 | *Prepare, attract, and retain effective educational professionals*

Highlights

- Teacher Retention and Recruitment (TRR) Initiative
- Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program (T-RAP)
- Modernization of Teacher Certification System
- Alaska Educator Retention and Recruitment Center (AERRC)
- TRR Awareness and Engagement Campaign

Alaska's Education Challenge

Priority 5 | *Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes*

Highlights

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Safety and Well Being Summit
- Suicide Awareness Prevention
- District and Student Demographic and Achievement Data
- Alternate Literacy Screener Participation
- School and Student Data
- Teacher, Student, and Administrator Ratios Statewide 2023-2024

Other Department Functions and Services

- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)
- Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)
- Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (LAM)
- Information Technology Function
- Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS)
- Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)
- Legislative Presentations and Reports
- Responsive Services
- Maintenance of Equity

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