BULLY in SpecEd at ASD



The Alaska Government School Hustle

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And, how ONE Spec Ed Bully can menace a learning

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Alaska Public Education is in crisis. Management cannot protect teachers and as more parents abandon the **Education Factory Model** students at the lower economic strata of society will suffer. This is because government education in Alaska is little more than a money pit for distribution of wealth using children as hostages.

The **Anchorage School District (ASD)** is one of the few that contributes to cost of education by taxing landowners, and it ainâ??t cheap.

Nobody Cares About Academic Outcomes

Parents who did well in government schools are able to provide the support structure necessary for their children to likely do well in government schools, too, but children of parents who did not graduate with a traditional diploma are likely to not graduate either. This writer witnessed this phenomenon as a certified teacher who gravitated to *Adult Basic Education* for this very reason: **Parents who have to get a GED are likely to be much more insistent that their own kids buckle down in school.**

[1]GED for ALL!

Since I was deeply involved in Alaskaâ??s Public Education goat-rope for many years in Juneau, before I trained as a teacher, I am going to set the stage for this story by providing information many probably donâ??t know. If more Alaskans understood *The Government School Hustle* they might insist on reforms before the system breaks down to the point that not only do the students learn little, but teachers are assaulted with impunity.

[2] Alaska State Funding for Government Education according to Department of Education.



There is no honest justification for raising funding levels for Alaska Government schools except to appease the voracious appetite of the teacher/administrator/support staff unions.

How State Funding Works

Student enrollment by district is called *Average Daily Membership (ADM)*. The numbers of Alaska students have remained stable at around 128,000 per year since FY2014. The hustle of educrats has always been to try to get the *Alaska Legislature* to increase payment for ADMâ??not to insist that more districts pay an equity share of their local education costs or that schools be accountable for academic outcomes.

[3] Average Daily Membership by District 2014-2023

Based on the ADM, each of the 48 identified Alaska School Districts receives support from State and Federal sources. In FY2023 that total amount was \$1,213,730,495.

[4]FY2023 Amount paid for government schools by district

One really laughable category of funding is the *Quality Schools Grant*. This hustle was started in 1998 to increase student achievement through *methodical improvement of Alaskaâ??s public schools*.

No Standards, No Proof of Results, No Accountability

Our bovine legislature stand each legislative session still while utters are squeezed for a Quality Schools payoff: \$4,137,084 in FY2023.

[5]Quality Schools Hustle

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the primary statistical agency of the <u>U.S.</u>

<u>Department of Education</u>. The National Assessment of Educational Proficiency (NAEP) provides information about student learning and achievement as The Nationâ??s Report Card. NAEP has published information annually describing the academic caliber of our Alaska schools after decades of throwing money at the Quality School Hustle.

[6]2022NAEP State Report Cards

But the data for NAEP Reports comes from each State *Department of Education*, and after the Covid Pandemic many other states have had great declines in their academic outcomes due to unnecessary mandates. Alaska has engage a new testing regimen, so expect great news to be announced by doing nothing but changing the testing instrument. The educrats think parents are stupid but want their kids to be smart.

[7]Alaska Department of Education Testing Results The New Alaska System of Academic Readiness

Thus, the whole **Alaska Government Education House of Cards** revolves around getting State funding from the legislature by activating vested interests into begging, pleading or throwing fits. This is facilitated by teacher unions who buy legislators and even governors.

Educrats arrive at individual district funding amounts with this formula of add-ons to the base funding amount, including the *Special Ed Bonus*:

STUDENT BASED FORMULA

District Adjusted Average Daily Membership (ADM)

Step 1. Adjust: ADM for School Size

Step 2. Apply: District Cost Factor

Step 3. Apply: Special Needs Factor

Step 4. Apply: Vocational & Technical Funding

Step 5. Add: Intensive Services Count

Step 6. Add: Correspondence Student Counts

= District Adjusted (ADM)

ADM Reporting Requirements

ADM – is the average number of enrolled students during the 20-school day count period. The 20-school day count ends the fourth Friday of October. Reports are due within two weeks after the end of the 20-school day count period.

Special Needs Funding [Step 3]

Vocational education, special education (except intensive special education), gifted/talented education, and bilingual/bicultural education are block funded. A district must file a plan with the department indicating the special needs services that will be provided, per AS 14.17.420 (b), to qualify for special needs funding.

The districts' previously adjusted ADM is now multiplied by the Special Needs factor of 1.20.

Intensive Services Funding [Step 5]

A school district receives funding for intensive special education students that:

- Are receiving intensive services;
- Are enrolled on the last day of the 20-school day count period, and;
- Have an established Individual Education Plan (IEP).

The districts intensive student count is multiplied by 13.

The district's intensive calculation is added to the previously adjusted ADM.

https://education.alaska.gov/SchoolFinance/pdf/Funding-Overview.pdf

Amount Paid to a District under this formula for ONE special Needs Student is the Equivalent of the amount paid for THIRTEEN non-SpecEd students! That means a good SpecEd Teacher can contribute big bucks to a school district like ASD.

As a teacher in a rural district this writer remembers well the superintendent admonishing teachers to tell parents to make sure their kids were in attendance on the announced student *count day* even if they had to be brought in on a gurney. No such urgancy was expressed on the *Statewide Assessment*

Testing Days, when low numbers of students testing in most districts show the disregard Alaska Educators have for proving they are doing their jobs.

Tests of Students Measure their Teachers, You Know

Academic outcomes donâ??t matter. Results from previous *Peaks Statewide Assessments* were embarrassing and Covid provided a new reason to change vendors for the tests. But you can bet that if assessment outcomes were tied to funding our educrats would be doing something besides going to Juneau every legislative session with tin cups.

[8]2020-21 Peaks Press Release from DOE Commissioner Michael Johnson

Funding to keep doing what isnâ??t working is all that matters. And since many of our elected officials are owned by the teacher unions this is never going to change. Up to 50 locally-elected **School Boards** join the cartel of **Administrator Associations** and **Unions** to threaten and intimidate any elected official in Juneau who doesnâ??t go along with their mob demands for ever more funding of sub-par government schools.

Parents donâ??t matter in this scam. The **PTA** is an arm of **NEA-Alaska**. Whenever the voracious appetite of these organizations is not fed, they go to **Alaska Courts** who always pay the ransom. We have the distinction of being the state where we can PROVE throwing money at education does not improve the quality of the schools or academic outcomes of students.

[9]Court Decisions

Government Schoolsâ?? Soft Underbelly: \$pecEd

Of all the sacred cows in government education, **Special Education** gives the most milk.

[10]What is Special Education?

Under the federal *Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA)* the *State of Alaska* receives federal money to support programs for students who qualify as having identified **Special Needs**. Nearly every Alaska district has SpecEd students who qualify the district for extra federal/state funding. For instance, of 43,086 students enrolled in the *Anchorage School District* in 2021-22 exactly 6405 students with disabilities provided extra funding for their educational needs, 382 of whom were aged 3-5 and not even in kindergarten! Some others were as old as 21!



DEED Home

2021-2022 Alaska Special Education Data Profiles Anchorage School District

District Name: Anchorage School District

2021-2022 \$

Total Enrollment: 43086

Child Count (students with disabilities) Total: 6405

Child Count Aged 3-5 (Not Grade K): 382 Child Count Aged 5 (Grade K) - 21: 6023

The Purpose of this District Data Profile:

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the State of Alaska must report annually to the public performance of local education agencies (LEAs) on specific special education performance and compliance indicators. Details wide goals and annual performance can be found in the Alaska Part B State Performance Plan (SPP) for special education and Performance Report (APR) for special education.

[11]ASD 2021-2022 AK Special Ed Data Profiles

Itâ??s therefore easy to see why a system driven solely by economic opportunity places an emphasis on SpecEd over promotion of academic excellence such as might be found by encouraging *Honors or AP Programs*.

[12]Honors vs. AP Classes: Whatâ??s the Difference?

As a substitute teacher in Juneau and Anchorage over a few years as this writer was proving up on requirements for certification, I worked in some SpecEd classes. It takes a special kind of teacher to work with students having Special Needs and I didnâ??t fit that profile, but I recognized the qualities of patience and consistency required to help those students realize their potential. Later I was successful in helping a number of persons previously identified as having Special Needs (with IEPs) to earn their GED.

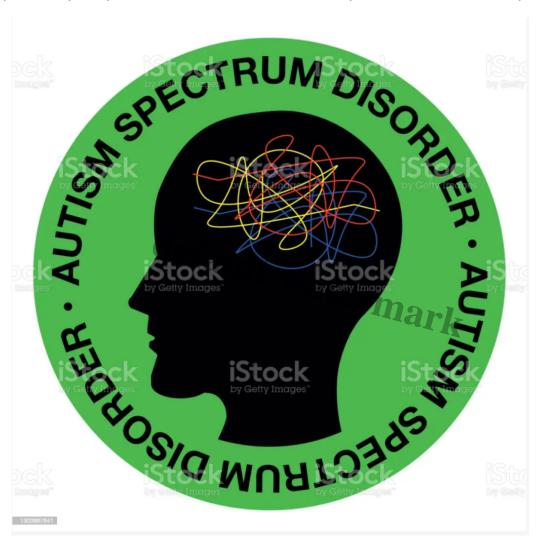
Some Events Should Never Happen in our Schools

I will call this teacher Terri.

This is my first year as a solo middle school teacher lacking only the Praxis Test to be certified after finishing my Masterâ??s Degree in teaching. I have been substitute teaching in ASD a few years now and this year and I have four Special Education studentsâ??primarily having **Autism Spectrum**

Disorders with other identified disabilities. Two are verbal and two are not, explained Terri. My specialty is Social Studies and I am transitioning to Special Needs Education.

The previous principal asked me if I would consider SpecEd. We have a new principal.



Autism spectrum disorder is a condition related to brain development that impacts how a person perceives and socializes with others, causing problems in social interaction and communication. The disorder also includes limited and repetitive patterns of behavior. The term \hat{a} ? spectrum \hat{a} ? in autism spectrum disorder refers to the wide range of symptoms and severity.

https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/autism-spectrum-disorder/symptoms-causes/syc-20352928

Q: What kind of things have you learned as a sped teacher since youâ??ve been in that role?

A: There is quite a bit of communication that has to be developed with these students to begin to understand what their needs area??to really meet those needs. There has to be a relationship built on trust, and the student must be comfortable with the teacher. So thata??s probably the most important ingredient that I have learned from teaching soloa??to be able to relate to the student to teach them.

Q: As autistic students, do they really understand whatâ??s going on, or are they just kind of along for the ride?

A: They do understand that theyâ??re in a different environment. And I think they do understand that thereâ??s a different expectation from them at school than there is at home, continued Terri. They all need one-on-one (teacher-directed) instruction. I am in this job because I seem to be able to understand the students and be able to help them learn. Thatâ??s a huge part of how I ended up being in this setting.

Q: So parents bring their precious children to ASDâ??having Special Needsâ??and each has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)â??where parents get to meet regularly with teacher and team overseeing their childrenâ??s needs?

A: Yes, and I have a Teacher Aide (TA).

Q: So tell me what has happened in this setting that is causing you problems.

A: At the beginning of the year I had a fifth student who is highly functional. Academically he is in a place where the other autistic students had not reached or probably even have the potential to reach. It was kind of a unique situation that he was in my classes in the first place. Then I learned that he was put in my class because of his behavior! It was hoped that if he were in a different surrounding his behavior would improve.

His behavior last year was very aggressive; he would poke people with his pencil and hit people. I was subbing so I didnâ??t spend a lot of time there, but other teachers and TAs were trying to deal with him and werenâ??t very successful. So this year some events caused them to call in whatâ??s called the **B Teamâ??**behavior specialistsâ??who were going to evaluate him for eight weeks, and then give an assessment whether he should be moved or not moved from my class.

He starts out, you know, pretty mellow. Then within the first weeks, he is showing signs of aggression. He may have some autism but heâ??s very intelligent. He can read and he can write and has beautiful handwriting. So heâ??s already standing out because he, as I learned later, shouldnâ??t have been in that class anyway.

At any rate, he begins his year hitting and poking and throwing. And then I noticed that he would find a student to target. At one point, he was targeting a young girl. Pretty much every other day he was throwing milk cartons or applesauce cupsâ??hitting her, kicking her, making her cry. He targeted another two young boys that were in classâ??a girl and two boys. He would kick and hit one of the autistic boys and cause a meltdown. This would go on for hours. We would have to call home and tell the parents to pick him up.

Q: This is classic Bully Behavior. A more seasoned teacher might have put their foot down to management and insisted that this kid be removed from this class. What did you do?

A: I asked for help. I needed my questions to be answered, like: Why is this boy in my class? The **B Team** was supposed to evaluate this student and the eight weeks have come and gone but the behavior continues. They came in at the beginning of the school year and now the year is almost over. Just today April 10 he threw an apple and hit a girl in the face!

What are the Rights of Special Ed Students who are Bullied?

At one point all of the kids were in the recreation room and this student kept aggressively throwing the ball at the face of the girl who is his primary target. The other students then formed a ring around the girl to protect her! She is learning to be passive, to be a victim, and he is learning there are no consequences for his behavior.

In fact, on another occasion the girl came into my classroom seeking protection! I am not her teacher but she is coming to me. He has now been suspended a few times but staff are taught to ignore the bully. How can this be okay?

When I confronted him on one occasion he sexually assaulted ME! He also did it to another paraprofessional with no consequences!

Q: Did you call 911? The question I have is why isnâ??t this predator in Whaley School or McLaughlin Youth Center?

A: I pressed charges. But maybe a month ago while holding the door open for him to pass he elbowed me in the mouth. I was bleeding but again NO CONSEQUENCES!

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Q: Doesnâ??t your principal try to do anything?

A: As I understand, the principal no longer has any say because the **B Team** is supposed to have taken over. They drop in every day in the morning and nothing happens. ASD is programming this student to be a failure. I have reached out to some other organizations concerned about Alaskaâ??s high incidence of bully behavior and I have reached out to you through a previous Alaska Legislator who suggested that you might be interested in this story.

ASD receives the equivalent funding of 52 students for these four Special Needs students under the Alaska Foundation Funding formula.

Thank you Terri for having the courage to stand up for your students to a bully. You are a valuable asset to the Community of Anchorage and ASD.

If you like this story please consider making a free-will contribution and forward it to others.

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References:

[1]GED for ALL!

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[2] State Funding for Government Education is provided under a complicated *Foundation Funding Formula* that guaranties no Alaskan with a high school diploma is likely to understand what was paid for what they got.

https://education.alaska.gov/schoolfinance/foundationfunding

The current state public school funding formula was adopted under Senate Bill 36 in 1998 and implemented in 1999. The public school funding formula is defined in Alaska Statute 14.17, State Aid to Public Schools.

[3] Average Daily Membership by District 2014-2023.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM FY.2014 to FY2023 Average Daily Memberships Updated 3/24/2023

DISTRICT		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
ADAK	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
ALASKA GATEWAY	80	387.65	373.20	370.30	371.70	392.20	381.35	380.45	395.70	386.05	370.90
ALEUTIAN REGION	30	33.00	37.00	34.70	24.50	26.55	18.05	28.00	24.95	22.48	16.25
ALEUTIANS EAST	50	212.70	218.40	220.90	215.95	207.00	213.30	220.90	206.25	188.85	197.00
ANCHORAGE	96	47,769.85	47,561.60	47,756.28	47,680.17	46,948.94	45,936.73	45,465.29	41,319.94	42,899.85	43,573.85
ANNETTE ISLANDS	45	288.59	357.42	300.80	301.05	316.40	299.60	288.50	313.40	295.55	295.90
BERING STRAIT	55	1,660.35	1,657.60	1,695.10	1,770.45	1,785.00	1,777.55	1,718.25	1,742.15	1,714.74	1,682.86
BRISTOL BAY	65	138.20	123.00	121.40	117.95	122.25	103.90	109.71	111.33	104.50	102.95
CHATHAM	95	146.50	169.20	166.15	162.65	180.95	164.30	150.30	140.50	130.85	140.00
CHUGACH	40	288.55	276.20	337.09	374.95	401.50	480.75	474.70	648.40	585.00	592.70
COPPER RIVER	30	443.77	437.55	418.30	439.55	426.16	440.45	438.38	410.08	420.04	396.30
CORDOVA	78	312.41	327.00	353.35	313.65	325.06	329.18	324.10	288.68	319.65	338.3
CRAIG	33	565.73	564.45	518.11	529.22	491.96	508.45	565.20	876.32	698.62	665.8
DELTA/GREELY	45	839.59	806.37	773.45	810.39	814.55	813.50	779.96	773.31	879.44	929.4
DENALI	65	859,20	889.84	900.31	881.20	942.35	963.72	975.65	1,196.25	995.20	871.30
DILLINGHAM	05	489.80	468.10	449.20	474.85	476.70	464.35	438.85	410.60	424.50	407.85
FAIRBANKS	49	14,062.59	13,770.11	13,876.09	13,774.48	13,717.27	13,289.71	13,233.52	11,272.30	12,267.78	12,647.6
GALENA	06	3,985.49	4,146.20	4,146.88	4,208,21	4,440.90	4,830.14	5,148.94	9,063.01	7,281.84	6,906.29
HAINES	30	270.85	268.14	277.02	261.70	268.15	261.95	274.48	264.50	248.17	257.80
HOONAH	30	101.80	112.20	115.45	107.75	117.25	112.95	124.75	128.89	121.65	111.09
HYDABURG	45	65.10	70.00	81.40	73.90	86.70	85,35	101.35	164.60	125.65	115.03
IDITAROD	31	260.90	314.05	286.03	267.40	285 10	307.05	300.15	305.08	279.70	306.0
JUNEAU	03	4,848.02	4,807.65	4,736.31	4,795.69	4,691.31	4,647,53	4,620:01	4,021.50	4,234.14	4,228.1
KAKE	33	104.00	109.70	107.65	96.00	102.60	104.00	103.25	92.14	103.00	102.9
KASHUNAMIUT	33	316.70	317.15	331.60	342.35	320.60	317.95	302.15	306,85	307.30	310.90
KENAI	06	8,760.52	8,827.87	8,787.60	8,784.83	8,711.73	8,680.28	8,535.05	7,755.91	8,298.47	8,369.5
KETCHIKAN	05	2,209.51	2,226.15	2,239.22	2,295.74	2,287.10	2,247.00	2,204.80	2,073.89		2,045.2
KLAWOCK	50	136.35	122.95	114.55	128.15	125.50	114.65	128.30	116.50	119:45	123.90
KODIAK	65	2,483.02	2,443.61	2,419.72	2,396.99	2,383.28	2,302.90	2,252.36	2,245.68	2,218.31	2,174.10
KUSPUK	40	333.10	345.90	347.35	340.55	355.05	306.80	362.15	350.75	345.85	300.8
LAKE AND PENINSULA	60	303.60	316.05	318.55	308.53	299.15	302.35	315.05	318.25	300.75	293.6
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	22	4,088.50	4,109.40	4,118.90	4,115.75	4,132.65	4,085.75	4,056.65	4,008.75	3,864.20	3,812.6
LOWER YUKON	75	1,953.55	2,019.15	1,999.85	1,959.60	1,958.05	1,969.05	1,943.45	2,029.69	1,907.17	1,915.73
MATSU	39	17,476.51	17,757.44	18,464.59	18,809.04	18,968.46	18,931.80	19,080.25	17,885.12	18,886.18	19,286.4
NENANA	75	897.10	977.85	1,042.93	1,072.13	1,122.80	1,238.35	1,364.88	1,800.68	1,621.61	1,786.5
NOME	65	706.15	699.35	732.20	699.50	701.55	709.60	713.35	687.10	685.90	721.3
NORTH SLOPE	40	1,730.75	1,738.56	1,776.40	1,882.71	1,852.06	1,932.18	1,952.90	1,941.95	1,863.30	1,860.8
NW ARCTIC	90	1,888.41	1,941.62	2,008.80	1,978.14	1,990.33	1,964.59	1,951.96	1,952.55	1,859.30	1,874.2
PELICAN	75	11.20	11.35	12.55	10.00	10.05	12.00	16.00	11.00	16.00	12.0
PETERSBURG	22	430.25	431.85	460.51	472.36	465.40	460.93	467.55	425.99	426.10	429.3
PRIBILOF	00	81.30	82.10	71.10	59.00	60.00	67.20	64.15	58.00	52.95	48.6
SAINT MARY'S	50	202.85	197.60	193.20	200.55	180.80	184.35	182.75	192.85	200.05	189.1
SITKA	99	1,338.19	1,314.52	1,314.95	1,274.86	1,256.97	1,207.17	1,197.56	1,143.71	1,130.95	1,112.1
SKAGWAY	05	84.30	84.00	100.85	113.05	114.35	121.55	119.45	131.00	125.35	147.7
SOUTHEAST	88	198.65	190.18	175.72	182.15	178.20	187.62	164.93	146.05	146.48	151.8
SOUTHWEST	10	601.70	588.75	579.96	578.45	592.36	593.17	584.37	605.25	573.30	580.7
TANANA	50	40.60	38.50	39.00	36.00	45.50	51.15	33.00	29.55	26.05	30.5
UNALASKA	55	407.25	395.60	374.60	388.70	400.75	421.00	412.25	386.90	354.50	346.1
VALDEZ	65	609.36	602.16	634.91	637.65	647.98	669.05	683.90	652.80	674.10	623.9
WRANGELL	63	343.75	271.75	269.85	272.65	291.48	302.50	306.40	178.80	257.50	262.0
YAKUTAT	50	96.05	97.30	81.43	79.70	72.90	87.25	103.50	96.40	95.35	90.7
YUKON FLATS	55	243.80	240.00	237.55	248.80	239.40	220.15	213.80	196.25	204.35	182.5
YUKON/KOYUKUK	65	1,488.40	1,455.99	1,532.53	1,672.04	1,767.81	1,908.43	1,931.76	4,246.15	3,323.91	3,028.9
YUPIIT	10	438.50	453.65	456.45	470.75	432.30	441.00	458.60	498.90	445.20	463.9
STATE ACS	/A	N/A	N/A								
Mt. EDGECUMBE	85	400.65	416.85	425.05	431.25	422.75	433.30	428.85	372.15	400.30	405.2
TOTALS	51	128,435.21	128,580.18	129,704.74	130,295.33	129,954.16	129,004.93	128,796.81	127,015.30	127,584.88	128,238.0

[4]FY2023 Amount paid for government schools by district

School District	\$5,930 Basic Need	Minimum Required Local Effort	Eligible Federal Impact Aid Total prior to applying %		Eligible Federal Impact AID * Impact AID % * 90% = Deductible Impact AID	State AID	Quality Schools	FY2023 Tota State Entitleme
Alaska Gateway	9,730,596	-	360,771	100.00%	324,694	9,405,902	26,255	9,432,15
Aleutian Region	1,047,594	-	23,133	100.00%	20,820	1,026,774	2,827	1,029,60
Aleutians East	5,203,694	497,536	1,699,085	36.83%	563,196	4,142,962	14,040	
Anchorage	436,852,011	112,606,410	11,026,870	51.68%	5,128,818	319,116,783	1,178,690	
Annette Island	5,861,034	-	2,731,543		2,458,389	3,402,645	15,814	
Bering Strait	42,000,055		10,734,296		9,660,866	32,339,189	113,322	
Bristol Bay Chatham	1,720,945 3,214,712	835,481	14,066	43.15% 100.00%	5,463	880,001 3,214,712	4,643 8,674	884,64 3,223,33
Chugach	4,715,773	-	187,306	100.00%	168,575	4,547,198	12,724	
Copper River	6.615.864		350,299	100.00%	315,269	6,300,595	17,851	6,318,44
Cordova	4,955,760	972,945	26,015	45.25%	10,595	3,972,220	13,371	3,985,59
Craig	5.857.891	438,228	370,710	69.79%	232,847	5,186,816	15,805	5,202,62
Delta/Greely	10,886,235	-	250,770	100.00%	225,693	10,660,542	29,373	10,689,91
Denali	6,943,793	1,060,480	4,120	36.34%	1,347	5,881,966	18,735	5,900,70
Dillingham	6,379,435	730,600	354,731	56.18%	179,359	5,469,476	17,213	5,486,68
Fairbanks	143,777,238	33,688,581	8,769,217	61.85%	4,881,385	105,207,272	387,932	
Galena	39,258,142	94,683	116,177		10,655	39,152,804	105,924	
Haines	4,203,658	1,125,866	-	69.79%	-	3,077,792	11,342	3,089,13
Hoonah	2,632,861	215,747	-	34.27%	-	2,417,114	7,104	
Hydaburg Iditarod Area	1,699,419 6,119,701	39,843	210,011	20.27%	189,010	1,659,576 5,930,691	4,585 16,512	1,664,10 5,947,20
Juneau	49,972,466	16,236,967	210,011	56.99%	169,010	33,735,499	134,833	33,870,3
Kake	2.313.471	79,969	449,663	33.25%	134,562	2.098,940	6,242	2,105,1
Kashunamiut	6,447,808	-	2,666,507	100.00%	2,399,856	4,047,952	17,397	4,065,34
Kenai Peninsula	102,860,535	28,926,183	-	54.56%		73,934,352	277,533	74,211,88
Ketchikan Gateway	30,277,394	5,318,687	-	42.66%		24,958,707	81,693	25,040,40
Klawock	2,653,912	171,660	559,607	79.84%	402,111	2,080,141	7,161	2,087,30
Kodiak Island	32,803,930	4,952,954	2,189,330	41.34%	814,562	27,036,414	88,510	27,124,92
Kuspuk	8,321,984		2,609,599	100.00%	2,348,639	5,973,345	22,454	
Lake & Peninsula Lower Kuskokwim	9,004,705 76,517,518	409,178	972,507	15.89%	139,078	8,456,449 57,962,653	24,296	
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Mat-Su	208.818.961	36,177,500	11,105,710	52.33%	9,990,144	172,641,461	563,424	
Nenana	11,407,422	82,608	-	73.43%	-	11,324,814	30,779	11,355,59
Nome	10,321,106	1,249,867	30,807	35.36%	9,804	9,061,435	27,848	9,089,2
North Slope	34,873,025	15,750,074	3,105,298	38.21%	1,067,881	18,055,070	94,092	18,149,10
Northwest Arctic	40,169,820	2,276,673	751,391	31.53%	213,222	37,679,925	108,384	
Pelican *	422,453	41,430	-	97.38%	-	381,023	1,140	420,52
Petersburg	7,116,178	1,418,048	-	67.12%	-	5,698,130	19,200	5,717,3
Pribilof	1,337,452	-	528,423		475,581	861,871	3,609	865,4
Saint Mary's	3,772,785	82,001		45.89%	24 272	3,690,784	10,180	3,700,9
Sitka Skagway	15,778,603 2,420,804	4,433,868 970,533	63,102	55.24% 45.81%	31,372	11,313,363 1,450,271	42,573 6,532	11,355,93
Southeast Island	4,261,120	910,333	-	100.00%	-	4,261,120	11,497	
Southwest Region	13,596,363	-	4,198,197	100.00%	3,778,377	9,817,986	36,685	9,854,6
Tanana	818,577	36,073	3,576	77.96%	2,509	779,995	2,209	
Unalaska	5,750,321	2,276,669	5,286	56.74%	2,699	3,470,953	15,515	3,486,4
Valdez	9,021,546	4,098,603	8,853	43.59%	3,473	4,919,470	24,341	4,943,8
Wrangell	3,889,072	741,489	564	99.40%	505	3,147,078	10,493	3,157,5
Yakutat	1,418,990	218,430	10,090	40.15%	3,646	1,196,914	3,829	1,200,7
Yukon Flats	6,002,465	-	1,471,456		1,324,310	4,678,155	16,196	
Yukon/Koyukuk	23,127,119	-	1,180,587	100.00%	1,062,528	22,064,591	62,400	22,126,9
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[5]Quality Schools Hustle https://education.alaska.gov/quality-schools

Quality Schools

The Quality Schools Grant Program began in 1998. This purpose of this grant program is to increase student achievement through the methodical improvement of Alaskaâ??s public schools. The Quality Schools Initiative promotes this school improvement by providing clear standards for schools to attain.

The standards fall into the following categories:

- 1. Student Standards: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Arts, Digital Literacy, Employability, History, Computer Science, Library/Information Literacy, Skills for a Healthy Life, Cultural, Geography, World Languages, Government and Citizenship, and Physical Education;
- 2. Professional: Educator Content and Performance Standards;
- 3. Family, School, Business, and Community Networks; and
- 4. School Excellence Standards

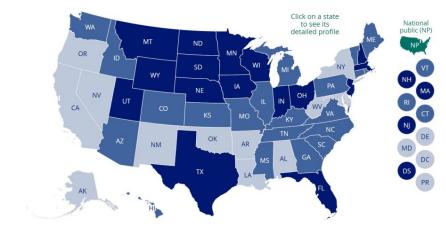
Please refer to <u>DEEDâ??s Standards website</u> for specific information. Professional, Family, and School Excellence Standards can be found under â??Other Standardsâ?•. Quality School funds must be spent advancing one or more of these categories.

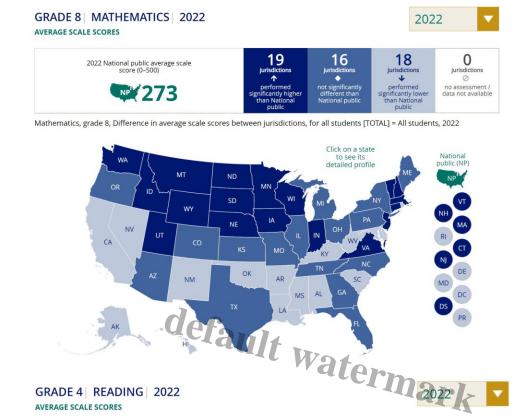
Approximately 4 million dollars is allocated (district entitlements are calculated by multiplying by \$16 the districtâ??s adjusted ADM) to Alaska School Districts each year through the Quality Schools Initiative. Districts must dedicate their Quality School Grant funds to efforts that clearly fall under one of the established grant goals above, and be able to demonstrate how their funded activities contribute to student academic achievement.

2022 NAEP Alaska School Report Cards



Mathematics, grade 4, Difference in average scale scores between jurisdictions, for all students [TOTAL] = All students, 2022

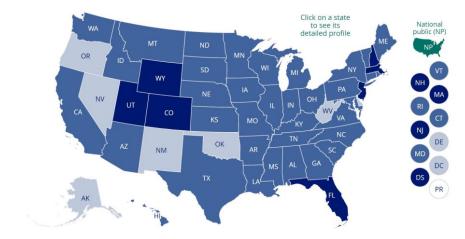




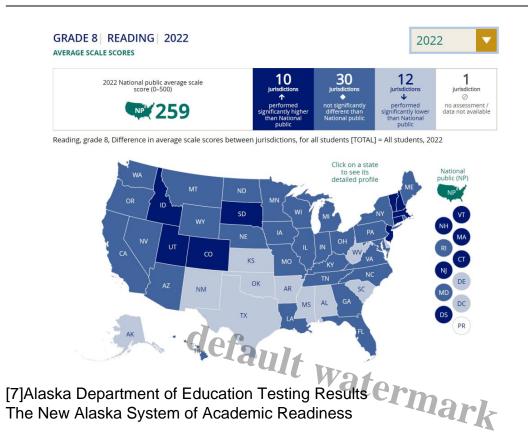
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2022 National public average scale score (0–500)

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Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR)

AK STAR

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) administered a new assessment system for grades 3-9 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, the <u>Alaska System of Academic Readiness</u> (AK STAR). AK STAR brings together the best of interim and summative assessments to help inform instruction and provide information to students, families, educated, and leaders.

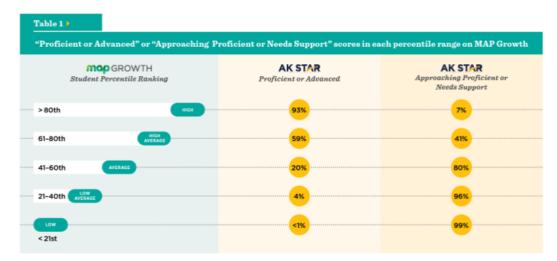
During the spring 2022 administration 77.623 students across Alaska took both the MAP Growth Interim assessment and the AK STAR summative assessment over the span of several weeks to ensure AK DEED and NWEA had the necessary information to report on the connections between MAP Growth and AK STAR.

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DEED and NWEA reviewed how students performed on the MAP Growth assessment compared to how they

performed on the AK STAR summative assessment. Table 1 illustrates the percentage of students that scored in each MAP Growth percentile ranking as either "Proficient or Advanced" or "Approaching Proficient or Needs Support" on AK STAR. Table 2 provides an additional view, showing the percentage of students scoring at each AK STAR achievement level across all MAP Growth percentile rankings.

Based on student scores across the two assessments, as seen in Table 1 and Table 2 there was a high positive correlation of 0.84 between scores on these two assessments in spring 2022, meaning the vast majority of students demonstrated relatively consistent performance on MAP Growth and the AK STAR summative assessment in spring 2022. Students with higher scores on one assessment were much more likely to have higher scores on the other. This level of correlation is consistent with other comparisons where two tests measuring similar constructs administered in approximately the same time frame.



AK STAR MOP GROWTH

[8]Peaks Press Release

https://education.alaska.gov/news/releases/2021/9.7.21%20DEED%20releases%202021%20PEAKS%20



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 7, 2021

DEED Releases 2021 Statewide Assessment Results

Low participation rates due to COVID-19 warrant caution comparing results to prior years

JUNEAU – Tuesday the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) released statewide, district, school, and subgroup level results from the 2021 administration of the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) assessment. These results are now available online. School districts have until September 30 to distribute student-level reports to parents and educators.

Approximately 44,400 students participated in the Spring 2021 administration of PEAKS. That is about 64% of students enrolled in the test grades of 3-9. DEED extended flexibilities including extending the testing hours to evenings and weekends, reducing reporting requirement, and extending the testing window by a week to help schools safely assess as many students as possible given the mitigation practices in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Even with these flexibilities, participation rates varied significantly from district to district and among demographic categories.

Given the low overall participation rate and the high variability in participation among student groups, DEED cautions against comparing 2021 PEAKS data to previous years at the statewide level. The results are still valuable for assessing performance at the school and individual student levels. Parents and educators can use individual student data from PEAKS, along with other local assessments, to inform decisions about instructional needs during the 2021-2022 school year. DEED has published a *Parent Guide to Student Reports* and FAQs online under the "results" tab.

Typically, summative assessments guide intervention and targeted support activities for schools as directed by the Every Student Succeeds Act. However, the U.S. Department of Education waived accountability requirements for the 2021-2022 school year. DEED will continue to support ongoing school improvement efforts in local school districts, including stewardship of federal COVID relief funds.

PEAKS has been the statewide summative assessment designed to provide important data for parents, educators, policy makers, communities, and businesses about how Alaska's schools and districts are performing. Beginning this school year, DEED is moving toward a new approach to statewide assessment that will provide results for teachers that can immediately

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inform instruction, will better display student growth and needs, and align with interim assessments administered independently by most of Alaska's school districts.

PEAKS results are available on DEED's Assessment Results webpage.

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The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development provides information, resources, and leadership to support over 130,000 students in 505 public schools across the state of Alaska. The mission of the department is to ensure an "Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day."

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[9]Court Decisions

Hootch v. Alaska State-Operated School System, 536 P.2d 793, 1975

Tobeluk v. Lind, 589 P.2d 873, 1979

Waterma Kasayulie v. State, Superior Court Case no. 3AN-97-3782 Civil, 1997

Moore v. State, Case No. 3AN-04- 9756 CI, 2012

Ten Eyck v. State, Superior Court Case no. 4FA93-2135 Civil, 1993

[10]What is Special Education?

Special education refers to a range of services that help kids with disabilities learn. Itâ??s not a â??one size fits allâ?• approach â?? special education is tailored to meet the needs of individual kids. Kids who qualify for special education have an IEP.

https://www.understood.org/en/articles/understanding-special-education

[11]ASD 2021-2022 AK Special Ed Data Profiles

https://education.alaska.gov/rcsped/Report/District?schoolYear=2021-2022&districtName=Anchorage+School+District&Submit=Submit

[12]Honors vs. AP Classes: Whatâ??s the Difference?

https://www.bestcolleges.com/blog/honors-vs-apclasses/#:~:text=What%20Are%20Honors%20Classes%20in,and%20tests%20are%20more%20cha

https://education.alaska.gov/data-center

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