



FAQs for School District Pre-Elementary Grantees

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1. Are districts required to provide pre-elementary services through distance delivery methods during school closure?

At this time, Alaska's pre-elementary programs are voluntary and not universal. Because of this, services are not required during the school closure period.

2. Where may I find resources to help provide distance delivery of pre-elementary services while schools are closed?

DEED hosts a website listing resources for families and educators of pre-elementary aged children. It may be found at www.aklearns.org.

3. The Spring Check Point for GOLD relies on observations that would be occurring during the school closure. Is it still required?

2020 Spring GOLD assessment information/data is not required. This is in alignment with DEED lifting requirement of Spring state-wide assessments for students in grades K-12.

4. Will Pre-Elementary Grant funds for FY20 be carried into FY21?

At this time, school districts are expected to fully spend FY20 funds by June 30, 2020.

5. What is happening with FY21 pre-elementary funding?

Once the legislature and Governor Dunleavy sign the FY21 budget, DEED will send notice to all school district superintendents and current grantees. The notice will include information about qualifications to apply for funds, funding amount, and deadlines. DEED is committed to making this process as quick as possible once the legislature and Governor sign the budget.

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