

# Foundation Formula Funding at 0.5 ADM

In 2022, the Alaska Legislature passed the Alaska Reads Act. Included in this act is the provision that school districts with district-wide early education programs that meet Alaska's Early Education Program Standards are eligible to receive 0.5 ADM for enrolled four and five-year-old students [AS 14.17.500(d)]. Formula funding is a reliable funding source for school district early education programs.

## Funding Structure

- Annual legislative appropriation [Sec 14.17.500(f)].
- Applications available annually.
- Approval to include early education program students as 0.5 ADM is valid for a three-year period [4 AAC 60.210(i)]. Approved districts will re-apply every three years via a short-form reapplication process.
- Approved districts will submit an ADM assurances report annually near the time of the student count period [4 AAC 60.195(a)].

## Eligibility

Any Alaska school district is encouraged to apply if it:

- Has consulted with all Head Start agencies operating within the school district boundaries and determined that an insufficient number of children attend high-quality childcare programs [Sec 14.03.410(c)];
  - See [form 05-24-031](#) for consultation guidance
  - [Head Start Consultation Technical Assistance Webinar recording](#)
  - [Head Start Consultation Technical Assistance Webinar PowerPoint](#)
- Has successfully implemented the Alaska Early Education Program Standards [Sec 14.07.165(a)(5)(A)]; and
  - See [Early Learning: Alaska Early Education Program Standards](#) for additional information.
- Employs early education teacher(s) with the required and current teacher certification [Sec 14.07.165(a)(5)(B)], include Alaska Reads Act Early Education Lead endorsement.
  - See [Teacher Certification](#)

- See [Teacher Certification: Available Endorsements](#)
- See [Alaska Reads Act Endorsements: Alaska Reads Act Early Education Lead](#)
- [Early Education Program Staffing Guidance](#)

See [Eligibility for Early Education Program Approval and 0.5 ADM Funding](#) for more guidance.

## Determination of Recipients

- Approval will be determined according to compliance with each of the above-mentioned eligibility requirements as documented on the 0.5 ADM application.
- When funding is limited, the department must prioritize the funding of district-wide early education programs, giving priority to school districts with lower performance, based on the department's ranking of districts.

## Application Timeline

- Application released annually in the fall
- **Applications due May 15**
- Applicants notified of approval on or before September 1.
- Approved applicants may begin counting four and five-year-old early education program students in the fall average daily membership count of the same year.

***Notice: Timeline will change for FY28. Application for FY28, will be due the last Friday in January 2027.***

## Application Materials and Resources

- [Sample Application](#). Click to view a sample FY26 application.
- FY26 Application for Early Education Program Approval and 0.5 ADM. *No longer accepting applications.*

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## Current 0.5 ADM Recipients

### Starting Fall 2023

Anchorage S.D.

### Starting Fall 2024

Skagway City S.D.

Valdez City S.D.

### Starting Fall 2025

Annette Island S.D.

Bering Strait S.D.

Chatham S.D.

Fairbanks North Star Borough S.D.

Kenai Borough S.D.

Ketchikan Gateway Borough S.D.

Matanuska Susitna Borough S.D.

North Slope Borough S.D.

Petersburg S.D.

Southeast Island S.D.