**State of Alaska**

**RECRUITMENT NOTICE**

**Director of Innovation and Education Excellence – Alaska Department of Education & Early Development**

The Department of Education & Early Development is seeking an experienced, committed educator who understands the challenges and diverse needs of school districts across Alaska, and who is able to lead the work of professional educators in the division to meet those needs. The Director of Innovation and Education Excellence will work closely with other division directors to carry out the department’s duties as defined in Alaska Statutes and in federal law, and in alignment with the current administration’s goals.

The Director will be responsible, either directly or through division staff, for overseeing the work of the Deputy Director, the Division Operations Manager, an Administrative Assistant, and nine teams working to institute programs and policies which ensure that each student in Alaska is offered an excellent education which meets the State standards and prepares them for a successful adulthood. Additionally, this position will be responsible for leading the work of modernizing Alaska’s public education system, particularly with regard to instituting new programs for equitable access statewide.

The position is partially exempt, Range 27, and may be located in either Juneau or Anchorage depending on the location of the most qualified applicant. In Juneau, the minimum salary is $4,158.75 biweekly; in Anchorage, the minimum salary is $3,960.75 biweekly. The incumbent will report directly to the Deputy Commissioner.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

* A Master’s degree in education.
* Current Alaska Type B Administrator Certificate or proof of eligibility to obtain this certificate upon hire.
* Five years of experience in the field of education, including three years of employment as a leader/administrator in a school or district.

**DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND EXPERIENCE:**

* Inspires confidence with loyalty, integrity, honesty, and a positive attitude.
* Exhibits effective interpersonal skills, particularly the ability to communicate and collaborate with diverse cultural populations at all levels of the education system in Alaska.
* Experience maintaining or overseeing creation, maintenance, implementation, and assessment of academic standards and school/district improvement initiatives.
* Experience with and understanding of the legislative process as it relates to public education in Alaska.
* Knowledge of Alaska’s education related statutes and regulations.
* Familiarity with the priorities of [Alaska’s Education Challenge](https://education.alaska.gov/akedchallenge) and experience planning and leading initiatives aligned with a strategic plan.
* Experience and strength in business management, including budget, procurement, grants administration, and large service contracts.
* Experience presenting education information to a variety of audiences, including laypersons, through a variety of means.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Applicants shall submit a cover letter describing their qualifications and experience, a current, complete resume including dates degrees were awarded, and written answers of not more than two pages per question for each of the following:

* 1. What is the State’s role in education at the local level?
	2. What are your core values about teaching and learning?
	3. Describe three significant education-related projects or initiatives you have led and explain how these experiences will benefit you as a member of the executive leadership team at the Department of Education & Early Development.

Materials must be delivered to the address below not later than 4:30 p.m. Alaska time, May 7, 2021.

Office of Human Resources

Director of Innovation & Education Excellence Recruitment

Department of Education & Early Development

P.O. Box 110500

Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Alternatively, materials may be e-mailed to [bobijo.grimes@alaska.gov](file:///%5C%5Ceedjnugb-na2%5Chome%5Cbjgrimes%5CRecruitment%20Stuff%5CDEED%20Recruitments%5CStudent%20Learning%20Director%5Cbobijo.grimes%40alaska.gov).

For more information about the position, contact Bobi Jo Grimes, Human Resources Manager, at

907-465-5536.

Candidates who will be interviewed will be notified mid-May and will be interviewed in late May.

The State of Alaska is an EEO/ADA employer. Individuals requiring accommodations should call 1-800-587-0430 or (907) 465-4095 in Juneau or (907) 465-2815 (TTY).