

# Early Education Program (EEP) Standards Proposed Changes

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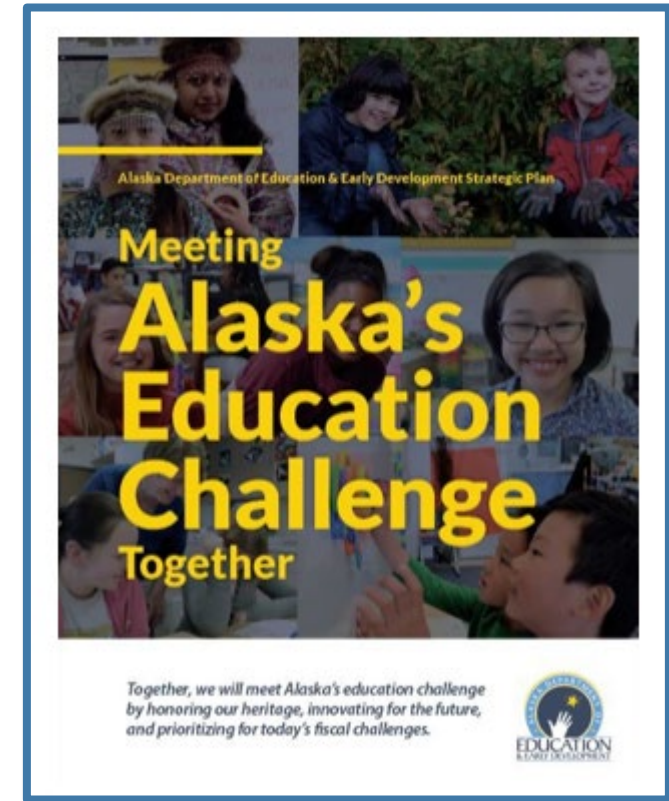
# Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	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. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide <b>information, resources, and leadership</b> to support an excellent education for every student every day.

# Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

## Five Shared Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



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# Alaska Reads

## #akreads

House Bill 114, Chapter 40, SLA 2022  
Passed May 2022

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## Alaska Early Education Program (EEP) Standards

A framework for early education programs  
operated by school districts.

Effective July 1, 2023

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## Early Education Program (EEP) Grant Program

Provides resources to districts that are  
working to implement the EEP Standards.

FY2027 EEP Grant application available January 2026

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## 0.5 Average Daily Membership (ADM) Funding

Allocated for programs that meet the Early  
Education Program Standards.

FY2027 .5 ADM Early Education Program approval application available  
October 2025

# .5 Average Daily Membership (ADM) Application Overview

- FY2024 – Six applications received
  - Anchorage School District was awarded conditional approval
- FY2025 – Four applications received
  - Skagway School District and Valdez City Schools were awarded conditional approval and Anchorage School District was awarded full approval
- FY2026 – Eleven applications received
  - Determinations coming soon

# Intent of Changes to Early Education Program (EEP) Standards

- HB148 – removed “Head Start Program Performance Standards” language
- Remove barriers for districts applying for EEP .5ADM
- Stakeholder input and review meeting on Dec. 10, 2024
- Follow up survey sent Dec. 10, 2024, open through January 10, 2025

# Major Proposed Changes

The results of the survey, along with the Early Learning team's experience in supporting districts move towards achieving the standards, are reflected in the proposed changes.

- Coaching standard was moved to supplemental section
- The mental health consultant portion of the Social and Emotional Support standard was moved to the supplemental section

# FY2027 Updates

- Early Education Program Grant
  - Seven districts from Cohort 1 will complete their 3-year grant cycle and move to .5ADM Early Education Program approval
  - Two districts from Cohort 2 will be in their second year of the grant cycle
  - FY2027 Early Education Program Grant Application will open in January 2026
- .5 ADM Early Education Program Application
  - FY2027 Application will open in October 2025