

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

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Development

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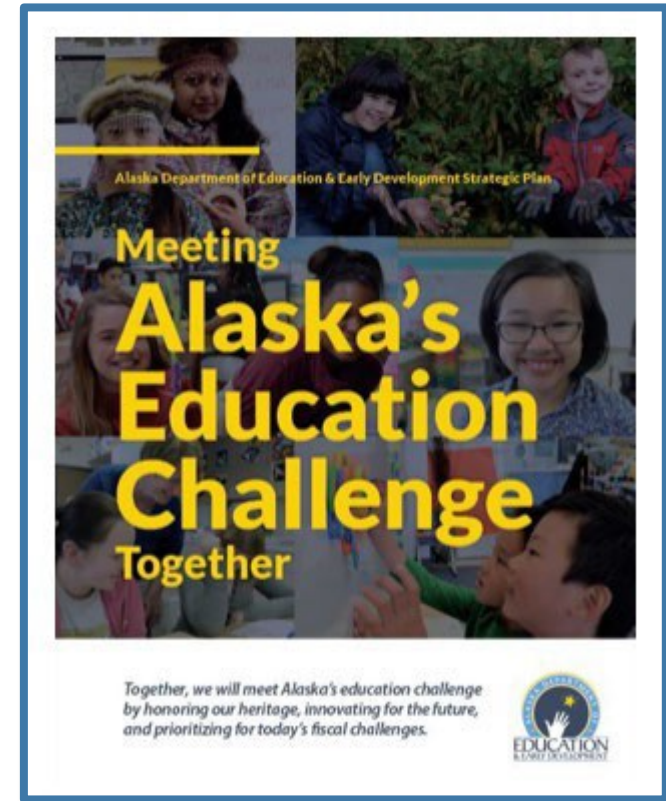
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

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

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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Budget Organizational Chart

State Board of Education & Early Development and Commissioner

- Executive Administration

Division of Innovation & Education Excellence

- Student & School Achievement
- Teacher Certification
- Early Learning Coordination
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants

Division of Finance & Support Services

- K-12 Aid to School Districts
- K-12 Support
- School Finance & Facilities
- Child Nutrition

Division of Administrative Services

- Administrative Services
- Information Services
- EED State Facilities Rent

Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

- Library Operations
- Archives
- Museums
- Online with Libraries
- Live Homework Help
- APK Building Facilities Maint.
- Broadband Assistance Grants

Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School

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- MEHS Facilities Maint.
- MEHS Aquatic Center

Boards & Commissions

Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)

- Program Admin & Operations
- Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education
- AK Performance Scholarship Award
- AK Education Grants
- AK Student Loan Corporation

Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)

- Develop and enforce a Code of Ethics for the Education Profession (last revised in 2018)
- Investigate allegations of violations of the Code of Ethics and Breach of Contract
- Sanction Certified Educators for misconduct
- Conduct background checks for Teacher Certification and deny certification if warranted

Role of the Professional Teaching Practices

Commission (PTPC) Executive Director

- The Executive Director works for the nine-member Commission:
 - Five (5) Teachers
 - One (1) Superintendent
 - One (1) Principal
 - One (1) University Representative
 - One (1) Department of Education and Early Development Representative
- Organizes Commission meetings and works with the Department of Law and the Office of Administrative Hearings to prepare for administrative hearings
- Prepares the Annual Report, newsletters, maintains the PTPC webpage, and answers the public's questions
- Presents to dozens of constituent groups about the Code of Ethics and PTPC to ensure the public's trust in educators and to enhance professionalism among educators

Current Commission Members

Member	Represents	Location
Angela Alston	Higher Ed	UAF
Kathryn Baird (secretary)	Teacher	Fairbanks NSBSD
Heidi Barnes	Teacher	Mat-Su Borough SD
Patrick Frymark	Teacher	Fairbanks NSBSD
Emma Melkerson (chair)	Teacher	Juneau SD
Deborah Riddle	DEED	Juneau
Michael Robbins (vice chair)	Superintendent	Bristol Bay Borough SD
Vacant	Teacher	
Vacant	Principal	

Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) Action FY 2025

- Staff initiated 39 investigations based on accepted complaints and closed investigations as dismissed
- PTPC met in 3 regular and 3 special meetings for administrative reviews
- PTPC met 6 times to decide and hear 13 cases.
- PTPC ordered: 1 revocation for life, 1 revocation and 1 surrender, 8 suspensions, 1 reprimand and 1 warning
- PTPC reviewed 6 dismissals: upholding 5 and overturning 1

More information can be found on PTPC webpage

Other PTPC 2025 Activities

- PTPC held 0 Administrative Hearings
- Conducted 113 background checks, contacting four applicants to divulge convictions – 0 denials
- Three inquiries came from other jurisdictions for information about sanctioned educators
- Seven presentations were made to inform educators about their obligations to the Code of Ethics and Professional Standards
- A newsletter, the PTPC Handbook and the Annual Report were distributed to educators through DEED Info Exchange

PTPC Goals

- Enhance educators' understanding of the professional standards, through frequent communications and presentations to statewide constituency groups
- Emphasize professional boundaries with students while creating supportive relationships with students
- Support educators and the public when concerns or questions of misconduct arise
- Ensure due diligence and due process during investigations
- Apply consistent sanctions for violations of the Code of Ethics

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Find more resources at:

<https://education.alaska.gov/ptpc>

