



FY2027 Department Budget

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MISSION

An excellent education for every student every day.



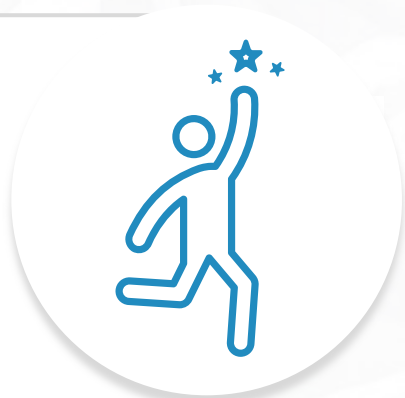
VISION

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.



PURPOSE

DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.



Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Strategic Priorities

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

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FY2027 K– 12 Foundation Funding

Alaska's primary vehicle for distributing funds to school districts

- Foundation Program: \$1.292 billion
- Pupil Transportation: \$72.8 million
- One-Time Foundation Funding: \$115.0 million

Total K–12 Aid to School Districts: \$1.480 billion

Energy Relief Grant

- The Energy Relief Grant provides \$29.0 million in aid to school districts
- Each district will receive 30% of its highest energy cost from FY2024 – FY2026
- This is not a flat rate, nor is the amount based on student enrollment

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

FY2027 Budget Highlights

MEHS's Operating Budget: \$17.3 million – an increase of 3.9%

- High School: \$15.4 million
- Aquatic Center: \$614,100
- Facilities & Maintenance: \$1.3 million

Great things are happening: \$643,000

- 416 New Mattresses with Covers - received
- 9 New Washing Machines and 38 New Dryers - received
- 28 New Two-Way Radios – received
- Dormitory Furniture Replacement - in progress

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

FY2027 Capital Funding Projects: \$23,650,000

Project	Funding
Dining Hall/Kitchen Renovation	\$10,206,000
Student Housing Upgrades	\$5,210,000
Main Academic Building Exterior Envelope	\$5,094,000
Boy's Dorm & Main Girl's Dorm Windows	\$3,140,000

Major Maintenance & Capital Projects

School Replacement & Major Renovation

Stebbins • Chevak • Blackwell/Anvik • Sidney Huntington/Galena

Health, Safety & Critical Systems

East High • Service High • North Pole High • Lake & Peninsula fire suppression

Rural Infrastructure

Tuluksak fuel tanks • Marshall tank farm • Tri-Valley septic • school boiler/roof projects

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Department Budget Highlights - Increases

- Staffing remains at 303 positions
- Student and School Achievement remains DEED's largest internal program component at \$177.8 million, up approximately \$492,000 (0.3%)
- School Finance & Facilities increases to \$3.07 million, up \$85,400 (2.9%)
- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education increases to \$17.2 million, up \$301,400 (1.8%)
- \$53,400 restored to support State Board travel and Commissioner visits to rural schools.

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Department Budget Highlights – Decrements

- Facilities Rent – decreased by \$220,400
- Residential School Program – decreased by \$928,200
- Information Services – decreased by \$377, 700
- Library and APK Operations – decreased by \$215,300

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