The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) is recruiting educators to participate in an Item Review to establish items for the new Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools (PEAKS) science assessment.

This is an opportunity for educators to become involved in the assessment item development process. Educators will review potential test items and provide feedback. This feedback will inform and enrich the process of developing items for Alaska’s assessments.

Participants must have experience in teaching science, be knowledgeable of the new Alaska Science Standards adopted in June 2019, and work well as part of a team.

DEED will select participants that reflect the ethnic and regional diversity of Alaska’s students. Special Education and EL educators are encouraged to apply.

DEED is hoping to hold the Item Review in Anchorage on June 22-25, 2020. Participants’ travel to and from Anchorage will be covered as well as lodging and per diem. A daily stipend of $150 will be provided to all participants. Due to COVID-19, this meeting may be handled virtually.

Interested educators should complete the Interested Applicant Survey or visit the PEAKS webpage (education.alaska.gov/assessments/peaks) to apply.

For questions about item review, please email Isaac Paulson, Assessments Administrator, at isaac.paulson@alaska.gov.