

Alaska Reads Act: Educator Qualifications

K-3 Teacher or Administrator

Any teacher or administrator responsible for reading instruction for kindergarten through 3rd grade students- this includes special education teachers and ELL/ESL teachers.

New hires after **July 1, 2025** have to be endorsed prior to teaching in a K-3 classroom

Path to Certification:

- 45 hour Department Approved Professional Development- Currently Keys to Literacy or LETRS is being offered free of charge

OR

Choice of One:

- Praxis II Teaching Reading (5204)
- Praxis II Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205)
- Praxis II Teaching Reading: K-12 (5206)
- Pearson Foundation of Reading



Reading Teacher

The teacher responsible for supporting, supervising, and/or providing interventions of the Individual Reading Improvement Plans. This role is defined by the district.

Path to Certification:

- Same professional development or exam options as K-3 Teacher
- Submission of a reading instruction efficiency evaluation form certified by a district representative

Early Education Lead

The teacher responsible to oversee Early Education programs.

Path to Certification:

- Valid AK teacher certification with:
 - 6 credits in early childhood education
 - 3 of those credits must be a DEED approved evidence-based reading training program
 - **OR** Two or more years experience teaching kindergarten or in an early education program **AND** successful completion of a DEED approved evidence-based reading training program