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Alaska Department of Education and Early Development Regulatory Reform Plan

Section 1: DEED's Baseline Number is 3,035. Discretionary requirements are 371 which is 12.2%; regulations identified for removal are 261 and regulations for revision are 110. The department anticipates 84 discretionary regulatory requirements would be identified in the guidance and supporting documentation to reach the 15% regulation reduction goal for 2026.

- The established baseline consists only of discretionary regulatory requirements as defined under AO360.
- Mandatory requirements (those required by statute, federal law, or court order) are excluded.
- The baseline does not include any potential reductions to guidance materials or documents currently.

Scope of Discretionary Requirements

- Discretionary requirements included in the baseline are drawn from:
 - Alaska Administrative Code regulations.
 - Materials incorporated by reference within those regulations.
- Guidance documents and supporting materials will be updated to reflect removed and revised regulations.

Updates Since Baseline Establishment

- Regulations that were in process with LAW were included in the original baseline count; therefore, there were no additional changes to the overall baseline at this time.

Section 2: Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder meetings were published on [DEED Administrative Order 360 webpage](#) and posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notices: [Solicitation for Public Input – Department of Education and Early Development Regulatory Revisions - Administrative Order 360](#).

The department's public notice was published on 9/19/2025 and will be archived on 1/18/2026.

| Chapter | Stakeholder Meeting Date & Time | Public Comment Period |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Chapter 34. Bilingual-Bicultural Education | 10/2/2025 8am & 4pm | 10/2/2025 to 11/1/2025 |
| Chapter 66. Regional Resource Centers | 10/14/2025 8am & 4pm | 10/14/2025 to 11/13/2025 |
| Chapter 57. Library Services | 10/15/2025 9-10 am | 10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025 |
| Chapter 59. Alaska State Archives and Records and Information Management Services | 10 - 11 am | 10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025 |
| Chapter 58. Museum Services | 11 -12 pm | 10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025 |
| Chapter 42. Private Schools | 10/16/2025 8am & 4pm | 10/16/2025 to 11/15/2025 |
| Chapter 51. Vocational Education: Article 3. Secondary Vocational Educational Programs | 10/21/2025 8am & 4pm | 10/21/2025 to 11/20/2025 |
| Chapter 57. Library Services | 9-10 am | 10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025 |
| Chapter 59. Alaska State Archives and Records and Information Management Services | 10 - 11 am | 10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025 |
| Chapter 58. Museum Services | 11 -12 pm | 10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025 |
| Chapter 12. Certification of Professional Teachers | 10/23/2025 | 10/23/2025 to 11/22/2025 |
| Chapter 30. Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers | 8am & 4pm | |
| Chapter 15. Allowances for Professional Personnel | | |
| Chapter 18. Employment of Professional Personnel | 10/28/2025 8am & 4pm | 10/28/2025 to 11/27/2025 |
| Chapter 19. Evaluation of Professional Employees | | |
| Chapter 57. Library Services | 10/29/2025 9-10 am | 10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025 |

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| Chapter 58. Museum Services | 11 -12 pm | 10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025 |
| Chapter 33. Special Programs | 11/4/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/4/2025 to 12/4/2025 |
| Chapter 07. Student Rights and Responsibilities | 11/6/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/6/2025 to 12/6/2025 |
| Chapter 60. Pre-Elementary (Early Childhood) School | 11/11/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/11/2025 to 12/11/2025 |
| Chapter 67. Virtual Education Consortium | 11/13/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/13/2025 to 12/13/2025 |
| Chapter 31. School Facility Planning and Construction | 11/18/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/18/2025 to 12/18/2025 |
| Chapter 09. State Support of Schools & Chapter 27. Transportation of Pupils | 11/20/2025 8am & 4pm | 11/20/2025 to 12/20/2025 |
| Chapter 06. Government of Schools Article 3. Department Reading Program & Article 4. District Reading Intervention Services and Strategies | 12/2/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/2/2025 to 01/01/2026 |
| Chapter 06. Government of Schools: Article 2. Safe Schools | | |
| Article 5. Prohibition of Sex Discrimination | 12/4/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/4/2025 to 1/3/2026 |
| Article 6. Statewide Student Assessment Article 7. School and District Accountability | | |
| Chapter 03. State Board of Education | | |
| Chapter 04. Statewide Goals | | |
| Chapter 05. Local Education | | |
| Chapter 06. Government of Schools | 12/9/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/9/2025 to 1/8/2026 |
| Article 1. General Administration | | |
| Chapter 52. Education for Children with Disabilities and Gifted | 12/11/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/11/2025 to 1/10/2026 |

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| Chapter 43. Alaska Performance Scholarship Program | 12/16/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/16/2025 to 1/15/2026 |
| Chapter 40. Review and Appeals of Actions and Decisions Regarding Funding | 12/18/2025 8am & 4pm | 12/18/2026 to 1/17/2026 |

The Attachment: AO360 Stakeholder Feedback is provided. DEED's Recommendations are highlighted in yellow.

There are three tabs that include:

1. DEED Stakeholder Surveys
2. AO360 LAM Surveys & Oral Comments
3. Oral and Email Comments

Section 3: Proposed Regulatory Reform Attachment

The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) will have Phases/Projects go through two processes to meet AO360 regulatory reform requirements in coordination with the State Board of Education (SBOE) and the Department of Law (DOL). The work to complete APA notice, public comment, and adoption steps for approved packages will be ongoing.

Phase 1: Regulations to be removed; highlighted light blue

January 2026

Finalize inventory of regulations identified for removal. Prepare project briefs and assign drafting responsibilities. Guidance and supporting documentation will be updated to reflect removed regulations.

February 16, 2026

Submit regulations identified for removal to the Department of Law for preliminary review.

Phase 2: Regulations to be revised; highlighted in light orange and green

Phase 2 is split into two waves due to the complexity of certain revisions and the need for adequate review time by DOL and SBOE.

April 20, 2026

Submit regulations identified for revision to the Department of Law for preliminary review. Guidance and supporting documentation will be updated to reflect revised regulations.

Proposed July 2026 – State Board of Education Special Meeting
Board considers and approves revision package.

July 2026

Submit regulations identified for revision to the Department of Law for preliminary review.

October 2026 (TBD) – State Board of Education Meeting

Board considers and approves revision package.

Section 4: Approved Deadline Extensions

Currently, DEED has not requested any extensions to current deadlines.

Section 5: Submission

By signing below, the Commissioner affirms that the Department of Education and Early Development's proposed regulatory reform plan has been thoroughly reviewed and approved. The Commissioner's signature verifies that the plan aligns with AO360 requirements, reflects the Department's priorities for regulatory reduction and revision, and authorizes submission to the Department of Law for preliminary review and subsequent consideration by the State Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D.
Commissioner

cc: Todd D Smoldon, Director, Governor's Office
Catherine Lujan, Special Assistant, Governor's Office

Enclosures: DEED AO360 Regulation Reform Plan
1. AO360 Stakeholder Feedback
2. AO360 DEED Regulation Reform Plan