

STATE OF ALASKA

SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

Goldbelt Place
801 West 10th Street, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1894
(907) 465-2900
(907) 465-8400 Fax

Department of Education & Early Development
Assessments & Accountability

To: Superintendents

From: Erik McCormick, Director



Date: March 6, 2012

Subject: Spring 2012 Participation Rate

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) Act, schools and districts are required to demonstrate that 95% of all students and subgroups participate in student assessments. Additionally, regulation 4 AAC 06.805 (g) states: “a district shall report to the state the enrollment of all students as of the first day of the administration of the state assessment.”

The first day of statewide spring testing for students in grades 3-9 is Monday, April 2, 2012. The first day of testing for students taking the Grade 10 SBA-HSGQE and the HSGQE Retest is Tuesday, April 3, 2012. The participation rate file is based on enrollment of April 3, 2012.

Each school district must create an electronic Participation Rate data file in a format similar to that of the Fall OASIS data Collection report. **Submission of this data is only allowed through the State Report Manager (SRM).**

A copy of the NCLB Participation Rate Handbook is attached for your convenience. Please note that there have been changes to the 2012 data collection process:

- Additional LEP Status code clarifications.
- New Grade Level Code “AD” - Adult
- Removed LEP Status “N” code from all collections.
- New State Report Manager (SRM) System Validation Rules.
- Rewording of text throughout handbook to assist in clarification of purpose.

The completed Participation Rate file is due to the department on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the Participation Rate data collection please contact May Palomo at may.palomo@alaska.gov or Mike Plotnick at mike.plotnick@alaska.gov.

Attachment: Participation Rate Data Handbook

cc: District Test Coordinators