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State Board Approves WorkKeys Accommodations

JUNEAU-- The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting by videoconference/teleconference on Jan. 23, approved guidelines for accommodations for students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency on WorkKeys assessments.

The Alaska Supplement for WorkKeys Assessment provides guidance to school districts as they administer the assessments, which Alaska requires for 11th-graders. WorkKeys assessments provide students with information about their readiness in three academic skills valued by employers – reading for information, applied math, and locating information in graphical formats.

In most cases, students who take WorkKeys assessments are eligible for a national career readiness certificate. Additionally, students may use high scores on WorkKeys assessments to meet part of the eligibility criteria for Alaska Performance Scholarships for technical certificate programs.

The State Board sent out for public comment proposed regulations that would set the criteria by which students can exit English language proficiency programs, based on their scores on an assessment.

Additionally, the State Board approved the operating and capital budgets for the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development for fiscal year 2013.

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