

State of Alaska
RECRUITMENT NOTICE
Commissioner – Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

The State Board of Education & Early Development is seeking an experienced, committed educator who understands the challenges and diverse needs of school districts across Alaska, and who is able to carry out the department's requirements/duties and the board's will to best meet those needs.

The Commissioner, either directly or through the Deputy Commissioner, oversees the work of seven division directors, a Legislative Liaison, and an Executive Secretary III. The Commissioner is tasked with preparing and executing a budget and the department's other fiscal affairs, subject to the board's approval.

Additionally, the Commissioner ensures, through subordinate directors and employees, that the department's duties are carried out according to Alaska Statute 14.07.020. This includes overseeing and providing assistance to Alaska's 53 school districts, overseeing operations of a state-run boarding high school, the state archives, the state library, two state museums, a statewide arts council, and the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. The Commissioner will also be responsible for the overall implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act in Alaska.

The position serves at the pleasure of the board for no set term. The appointment is subject to the Governor's approval and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet, ex-officio secretary to the State Board of Education, and chief executive officer of the department. Salary for the position is set by statute as outlined in AS 39.20.080.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

As required by AS 14.07.145 (b), applicants must possess at least a Master's degree in education and five years' experience in the field of education since receiving the master's degree. At least three of those five years must have been in an exclusively administrative position.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants shall submit a cover letter describing their qualifications and experience, a current, complete resume including dates degrees were awarded, and written answers of not more than two pages per question for each of the following:

1. What are your core values about education?
2. How would your experience, training, skills, and beliefs contribute toward your being an excellent Commissioner of Education & Early Development for Alaska?
3. Describe your demonstrated experience in and vision for raising student achievement and moving forward the following strategic priorities identified by the State Board of Education & Early Development:
 - a. Empower local control of educational decisions;

- b. Modernize the state's educational system; and
- c. Ensure high-quality educators for Alaska's children.

Materials must be delivered to the address below not later than 4:30 p.m. Alaska time, April 27, 2016.

Office of Human Resources
Commissioner Recruitment
Department of Education & Early Development
801 W. 10th Street, Suite 200
P.O. Box 110500
Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Alternatively, materials may be e-mailed to bobijo.grimes@alaska.gov.
For more information about the position, contact Shawn Sypeck at
907-465-2802 or shawn.sypeck@alaska.gov.

Candidates who will be interviewed will be notified mid-May and will be interviewed
by the State Board of Education & Early Development in mid-June.

The State of Alaska is an EEO/ADA employer. Individuals requiring accommodations should call
1-800-587-0430 or 465-4095 in Juneau or (907) 465-2815 (TTY).