

Early Learning Grants FY2027 Comparison and Description



Early Education Program (EEP) Grant

Foundation:

- Established by Alaska Reads Act
- Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade

Purpose:

To provide training and assistance to classroom-based school district preschool programs as they work towards implementation of the Alaska Early Education Program Standards and approval to count preschool students for formula funding. ([AS 14.03.410\(a\)](#))

Pre-Elementary Grant (PEG)

Foundation:

- Empower families with educational options
- Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade

Purpose:

Promote school readiness and positive outcomes for children by supporting district early learning programs responsive to the needs of their districts and aligned with Alaska’s Pre-Elementary Program Goals and working towards implementation of the Alaska Early Education Program Standards.

| | Early Education Program Grant | Pre-Elementary Grant |
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| Grant Cycle | July 1, 2026- June 30, 2029 (FY27, FY28 and FY29) | July 1, 2026- June 30, 2029 (FY27, FY28 and FY29) |
| Eligible Applicants | Any school district who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is not approved to count preschool students for 0.5ADM. • has not previously received an Early Education Program Grant. (AS 14.03.410(b)) • has consulted with each local and tribal Head Start program within district boundaries prior to application for the purpose of avoiding duplication of programs and facilitating resource sharing. (AS 14.03.410(g)) | Any school district who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is not approved to count preschool students for 0.5ADM. • has not previously received an Early Education Program (EEP) Grant. |
| Student Ages | Four and five-years | Three, four, and five-years |
| Service Setting | Classroom | Classrooms and alternative settings |
| End of Grant Expectations | Meet expectations for approval to count preschool students for 0.5ADM. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End-of-grant report submitted by June 30, 2029. • Classroom-based programs must demonstrate progress toward meeting the Alaska Early Education Program Standards with the long-term goal of eligibility for inclusion in 0.5 ADM. |
| Award Determination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive application process utilizing a three-person review committee and scoring rubric. • Priority given to eligible districts with lower performance based on the department’s ranking of districts (AS 14.03.410(c) and AS 14.03.123). | Competitive application process utilizing a three-person review committee and scoring rubric. |
| Total Funding | \$3,000,000 | \$3,200,000 |