

# Pre-Elementary Grant (PEG)

## Purpose

The Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) is seeking applications to develop, implement, and support quality Pre-Elementary Programs. The purpose of the Alaska Pre-Elementary Grant is to promote school readiness and positive outcomes for participating 3-5-year-old children. Grant Recipients will provide a voluntary, comprehensive educational program for 3 through 5-year-olds that is responsive to the needs of the district and aligns with Alaska's Pre-Elementary Program Goals. Eligible five-year-old children are those who are not enrolled in kindergarten.

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.

## Grant Structure

- Three-year grant cycle
  - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
  - July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029
- Historically, \$3.2 million total, per year, dependent on annual legislative appropriation

## Eligibility

- Any school district who:
  - is not approved to count preschool students for 0.5ADM.
  - has not previously received an Early Education Program (EEP) Grant

## Determination of Recipients

- Competitive grant with scoring rubric
- Multi-person review panel with awards going to top scoring applicants

## Current PEG Recipients

**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026**

Aleutians East Borough School District	Lake and Peninsula Borough School District
Bristol Bay Borough School District	Nome Public Schools
Chugach School District	Southwest Region School District
Juneau Borough School District	Yukon-Koyukuk School District
Kodiak Island Borough School District	

## Application

Districts will use the FY27-FY29 Alaska Early Learning Grants Application to apply. See <https://education.alaska.gov/earlylearning/funding-options> for application materials and resources.

**Due date for the FY27-FY29 Alaska Early Learning Grants Application: April 20, 2026**

## Contact

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