



Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Early Childhood Programs 2022

Pre-Kindergarten Grants

FY2022 is the second year of a three-year cohort of state pre-kindergarten grants. Any Alaskan public school district was eligible to apply for the FY2021-2023 Alaska Pre-Elementary Grant with the purpose of planning for, beginning implementation of, or supporting existing programs that meet Alaska's Pre-Elementary Goals. Pre-Elementary Programs include children ages 3-5 years and 5-year-old children who missed the age cut-off date for kindergarten enrollment. Through a competitive application process, 17 school districts were awarded funds. The total allocation for FY2022 was \$3.2 million. Grantees projected student enrollment at the beginning of the school year to include 714 students. This is a two percent (2%) increase in enrollment from FY2021.

School District	Projected Number of Students	FY2022 Funding
Alaska Gateway School District	44	\$149,718
Aleutians East Borough School District	16	\$150,000
Anchorage School District	85	\$810,165
Bristol Bay Borough School District	20	\$149,879
Chatham School District	10	\$149,269
Chugach School District	56	\$150,000
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	120	\$150,000
Hydaburg City School District	7	\$149,480
Juneau Borough School District	60	\$150,000
Kake City School District	11	\$149,926
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	7	\$142,544
Kodiak Island Borough School District	157	\$150,000
Lower Kuskokwim School District	21	\$150,000
Sitka School District	2	\$150,000
Southeast Island School District	13	\$149,019
Southwest Region School District	72	\$150,000
Yukon-Koyukuk School District	13	\$150,000
Total	714	\$3,200,000

Alaska Pre-Elementary Program Goals and Activities

Goal 1	Promote school readiness on positive outcomes in all areas of child development addressed in the <i>Alaska Early Learning Guidelines</i> , build strong early childhood literacy by incorporating the appropriate areas of the <i>Alaska Literacy Blueprint</i> , and align with the goals of their districts.
Goal 2	Identify and provide support for Alaska's children who are most in need of support.
Goal 3	Maximize parental choice and continuity of care, by encouraging community-based collaboration from a mixed delivery system of early learning support which includes, state, federally funded, private, and non-profit early learning environments.
Goal 4	Support the use of child reliable and valid assessment systems and tools to ensure programs are effectively measuring children's progress across all the domains in the <i>Alaska Early Learning Guidelines</i> and using assessment information to inform practice and inform policy decisions.
Goal 5	Support the transition of pre-elementary children to kindergarten through partnership and strong school and family relationships. Programs will build ongoing, long lasting, trusting relationships with parents, including them in decision making concerning curriculum and other aspects of their child's education and development.
Goal 6	Ensure that early childhood professionals have excellent preparation, ongoing professional development, and compensation commensurate with their qualifications and experience to provide the most effective teacher/child interactions.