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Need to Know

The department has proposed new standards for reading, writing, and mathematics

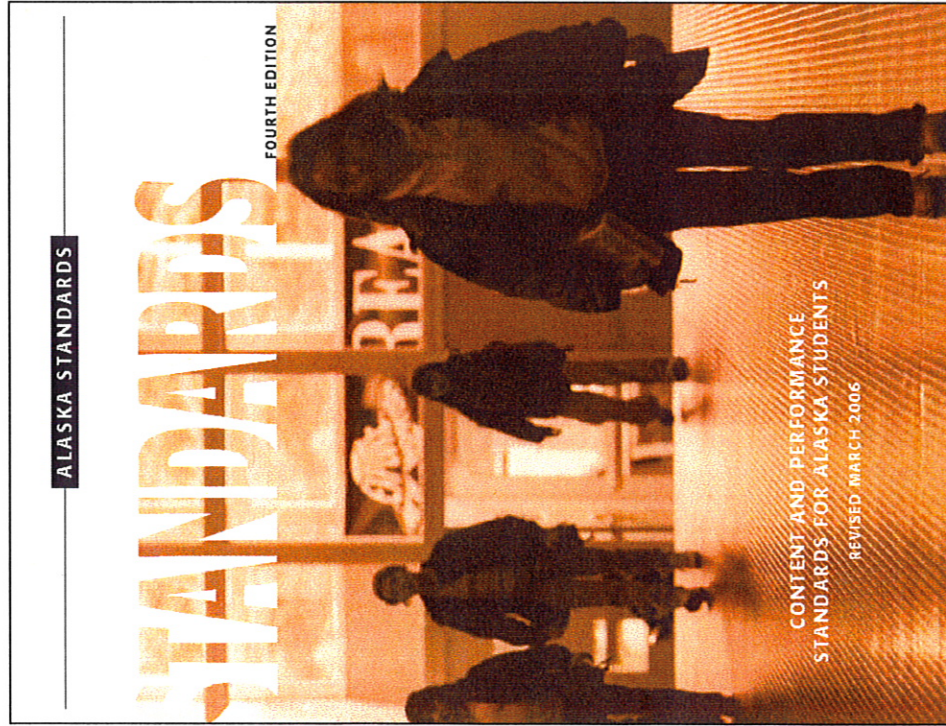
- Who participated in the development of the proposed standards?
- What is included in the proposed standards for Alaska?
- What is the timeline?
- Where is information for districts?
- Who are the contacts to support districts?

History of Alaska's Standards

1990s: Alaska standards in reading, writing, and mathematics were developed by age spans (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12)

2004: Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) in reading, writing, and mathematics were developed to further define standards at each grade level (grades 3 – 10)

2006: Grade Level Expectations were expanded to include kindergarten through second grade



The content in red is expected to change with the new proposed standards.

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I. Content Standards

English/Language Arts

Mathematics

Science

Geography

Government and Citizenship

History

Skills for a Healthy Life

Arts

World Languages

Technology

Employability

Library/Information Literacy

II. Cultural Standards

III. Performance Standards/Grade Level

Expectations

Reading

Writing

Mathematics

Science

Alaska History

June – November 2011, Alaska educators along with national experts shared their knowledge and assisted with the revision to create the proposed standards.

The proposed Alaska standards:

1. align with college and work readiness.
2. include rigorous content.
3. build upon strength and lessons of the GLEs.
4. outline instructional expectations for grades K-12.
5. equal in rigor to national common standards.
6. relate to real world application.

Alaska Stakeholders

What was the representation of the stakeholders?

Classroom teachers in reading, writing, and mathematics – kindergarten through high school

University instructors representing multiple content areas

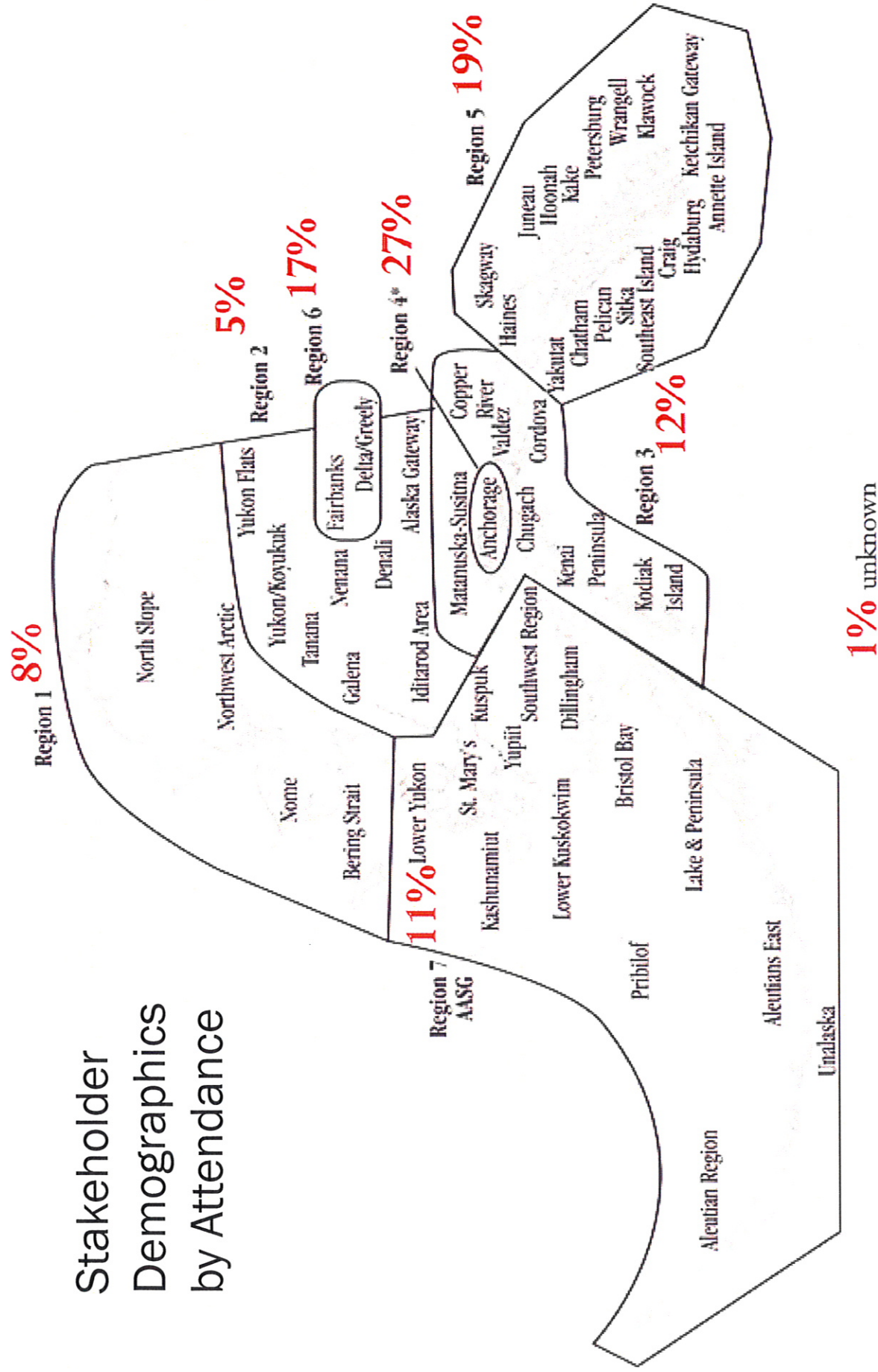
Career and technical education instructors

Alaska industry and business representatives

District administrators

Educators representing students with disabilities, English language learners, economically disadvantaged, and ethnic groups

Stakeholder Demographics by Attendance



Stakeholder Demographic Educational Emphasis



Tools for Alaska's Graduates

1. Increased text complexity will bridge the gap between high school and college/work readiness.
2. Connections between writing and reading will strengthen research skills.
3. Speaking and listening standards promote collaboration and clear communication.
4. Rigorous math content will have application to real world problems.
5. In-depth analysis of mathematical and logical arguments will increase critical thinking skills.

Relevancy

The new proposed standards align with the uniqueness of Alaska. Combined with the Cultural Standards and local educators, relevant learning experiences will continue.

- Same relevancy as the GLEs
- Allow for relevancy at a greater level

The proposed standards establish a strong foundation of knowledge and skills all students need for success after graduation. It is up to schools and teachers to decide how to put the standards into practice and incorporate other state standards, including the cultural standards.

Timeline

January –May 12, 2012	Public comment period
February–April 2012	Webinars and presentations about the new standards scheduled
June 2012	New standards potentially adopted
Fall 2012 – Spring 2015	Transition from GLEs to new standards
Spring 2016	New assessments potentially administered

Support for Districts

EED Website provides information and updated weekly

<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/GLEHome.html>

Frequently asked questions have been created for distribution
<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/standfags.html>

Webinars have been scheduled for an in-depth review of the proposed standards (dates are posted on the website)
Publications for parents, teachers, and the community will be available.

Curriculum and Alignment Institute will support districts with the transition of curriculum.

Public Comment

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Comment on Proposed Regulations

Under Review By State Board; Official Public Comment Period Expired

Adopted by the State Board & Under Review by the Department of Law

Recently Filed by the Lieutenant Governor

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- » Find school calendar?
- » Find standards for educators in Alaska?
- » Get mailing labels of Alaska schools/districts?
- » Make comments on regulations?

<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/regs/>

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