

# House Finance Subcommittee National Board Certification

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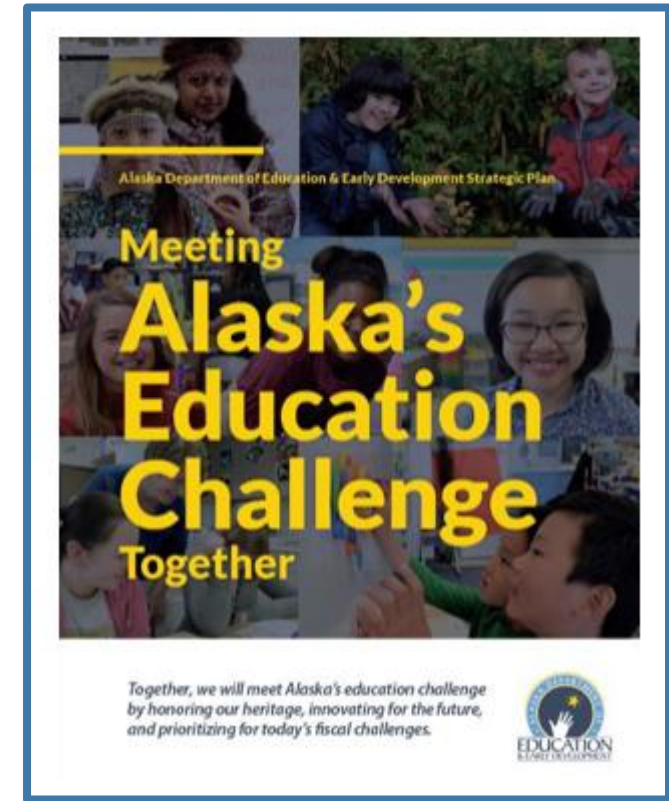
# Mission, Vision, and Purpose

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<p>An excellent education for every student every day.</p>	<p>All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.</p> <p>- Alaska Statute 14.03.015</p>	<p>DEED exists to provide <b>information, resources, and leadership</b> to support an excellent education for every student every day.</p>

# Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

## Five Shared Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. **Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.**
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



[education.alaska.gov/akedchallenge](http://education.alaska.gov/akedchallenge)

# What Is National Board Certification?

- Voluntary, advanced professional certification
- PreK through grade 12 educators
- Performance-based, peer-reviewed assessment
- Aligned to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- Active for five-years, renewable
- \$1,900 for total certification cost, typically completed over a three-year process

# Alaska National Board Certification

- 214 Alaska teachers have achieved National Board Certification\*
  - Currently, 80 Alaska teachers hold National Board Certification
  - Currently, 14 Alaska candidates are in process for National Board Certification
- Eligible for Alaska Master Teacher Certificate
  - Currently, 17 Alaska teachers hold a Master Teacher Certificate
  - Currently, 13 applications are in progress
- Some Alaska districts offer incentives to Master Teacher Certificate holders and National Board-Certified Teachers

\* Data from National Board: <https://www.nbpts.org/support/in-your-state/ak/>

# Incentives

- According to a June 2024 report, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards identifies 30 states offering a financial incentive to National Board-Certified Teachers\*
  - Stipends
  - Pay increments/salary increases
- 25 states offer funding to support National Board Certification fees
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Reimbursements

\* <https://www.nbpts.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/State-Incentives-Chart.pdf>

# Alaska Legislation

- HB 230: Passed into law October 9, 2024
  - Provides for incentive payments of \$5,000 per teacher who is employed by the district or DEED and who holds a current and valid National Board Certification
  - Provides for reimbursement of costs required to attain national board certification
- The State Board of Education approved regulations on March 11, 2025

# Appropriations to Date

- Funding is subject to appropriation
- No funding was included in the FY2025 budget
- Funding was vetoed in the FY2026 budget

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