



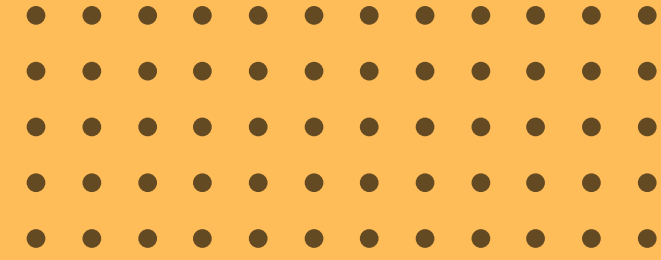
**Growing Alaskan
Teachers for
Alaska's Students**

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA: *EDUCATION*

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Teach Alaska



University of Alaska: Initial Licensure

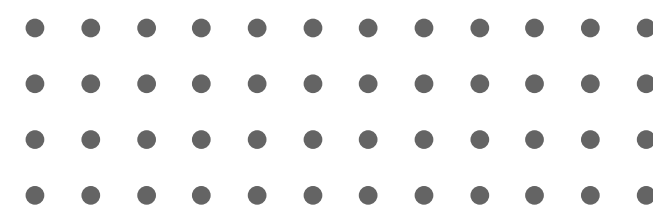
School of Education	AY21	AY22	AY23	AY24	AY25	Preliminary AY26
UAA			2	3	6	6
UAF	59	68	55	46	45	58
UAS	78	93	86	68	64	62
Total:	137	161	143	117	115	126
Total in last 5 years:						662



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased Fall 2026 enrollment at UAF (up 85 students from Fall 2025)
- UAS developing Masters of Arts in Teaching, Indigenous Languages
- UAA is entering year 3 of RAP programming, with participation accounting for 2% of all Apprentices nationwide. First licensed teacher will graduate in May.
- UAF launched first RAP programs this fall with 7 (elementary and secondary) apprentices with an additional 7 in SPED this spring.

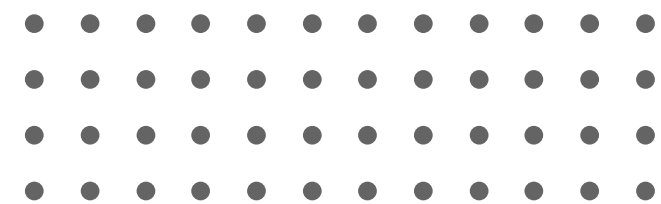


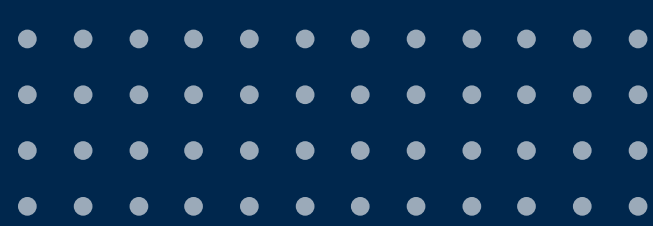


UAS: PITAAS

Preparing Indigenous Teachers and Administrators for Alaska Schools

- 275 degrees, certificates, and endorsements have been awarded to **179** Indigenous students.
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- **116 of 179** PITAAS graduates hold professional education licenses.
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- Graduates are employed in **30 of 54** school districts
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- **5 PhDs and 5 Superintendent Endorsements**
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- Currently, PITAAS is supporting **13** students with **3** graduating Spring, 2026.





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➤ **Registered
Apprenticeship
Programs**

➤ **District/UA
Partnerships**

GROW YOUR OWN

**Partnerships are critical: K-12;
DEED; ACSA/AERRC; DOL;
Tribal Corporations; ACEC**

- UAF hosted its 4th annual GYO event in Fairbanks last weekend.
- 15 School Districts participated alongside UAF SOE faculty and staff
- The event aims to bring together individuals interested in recruiting, preparing, and retaining more Alaskans to teach in Alaska.
- Participants had the opportunity to problem-solve and share successes
- Current UAF School of Education students and Indigenous alumni shared their experiences and expertise

EARLY CHILDHOOD +



UAA Teacher RAP

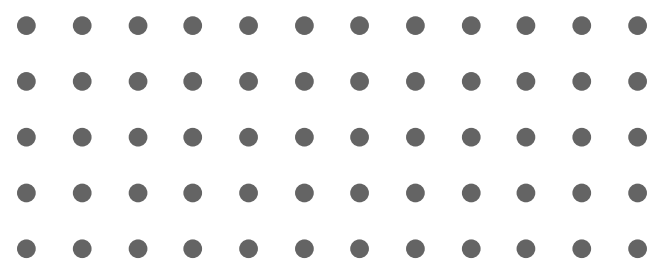
- Stackable
 - NAEYC Accredited
 - DEED approval for BA PK-3
 - OEC (4) and AA (13)
 - PK-3 (41) in BA and (7) in post bacc
 - 4 additional will transfer to UAS
- SPED RAP



UAF CTC Early Childhood Education

- ECE Nanny Occupational Endorsement 20 credits
- ECE Certificate 34 credits (includes the OE)
- ECE Associate of Applied Science 60 credits

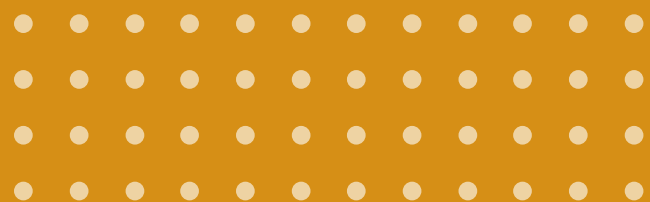




UAA AND UAS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP RAPS



- ✓ **UAA: Approved and Launches Summer 2026**
 - Tuition paid through DEED SAEF grant
- ✓ **UAS: Potential Launch Summer, 2026**
 - Target participants: Emergency Certificate Administrators²
 - Tuition paid through DEED SAEF grant



UA INTERN SCHOLARSHIP

Priority points awarded for: AK resident, High Need areas (STEM, Special Education), current UA student, and doing Internship in an predominantly indigenous school/district.

Supports INITIAL LICENSURE teacher candidates in their 3rd and 4th year and those doing Graduate Certificates

Covers all Tuition and Fees AND Support Stipend during Internship: \$5,000 each semester

Total Awarded to date: \$ 4,000,000

EDUCATORS RISING ALASKA

There's Power in Teaching

Educators Rising Alaska is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that prepares students for careers in education. Through hands-on learning, leadership development, and statewide collaboration, we support Grow Your Own (GYO) teacher pathways, CTE-aligned curriculum and competitions, state and national leadership opportunities, and professional development for teacher leaders.

Mission

To inspire and support students in becoming the next generation of Alaska's educators, fostering a sustainable and community-reflective teaching workforce.

Vision

A statewide network of empowered students, educators, and community partners working together to strengthen Alaska's education system.

"Educators Rising Alaska let me put the cherry on top of my love for teaching"



34 Chapters



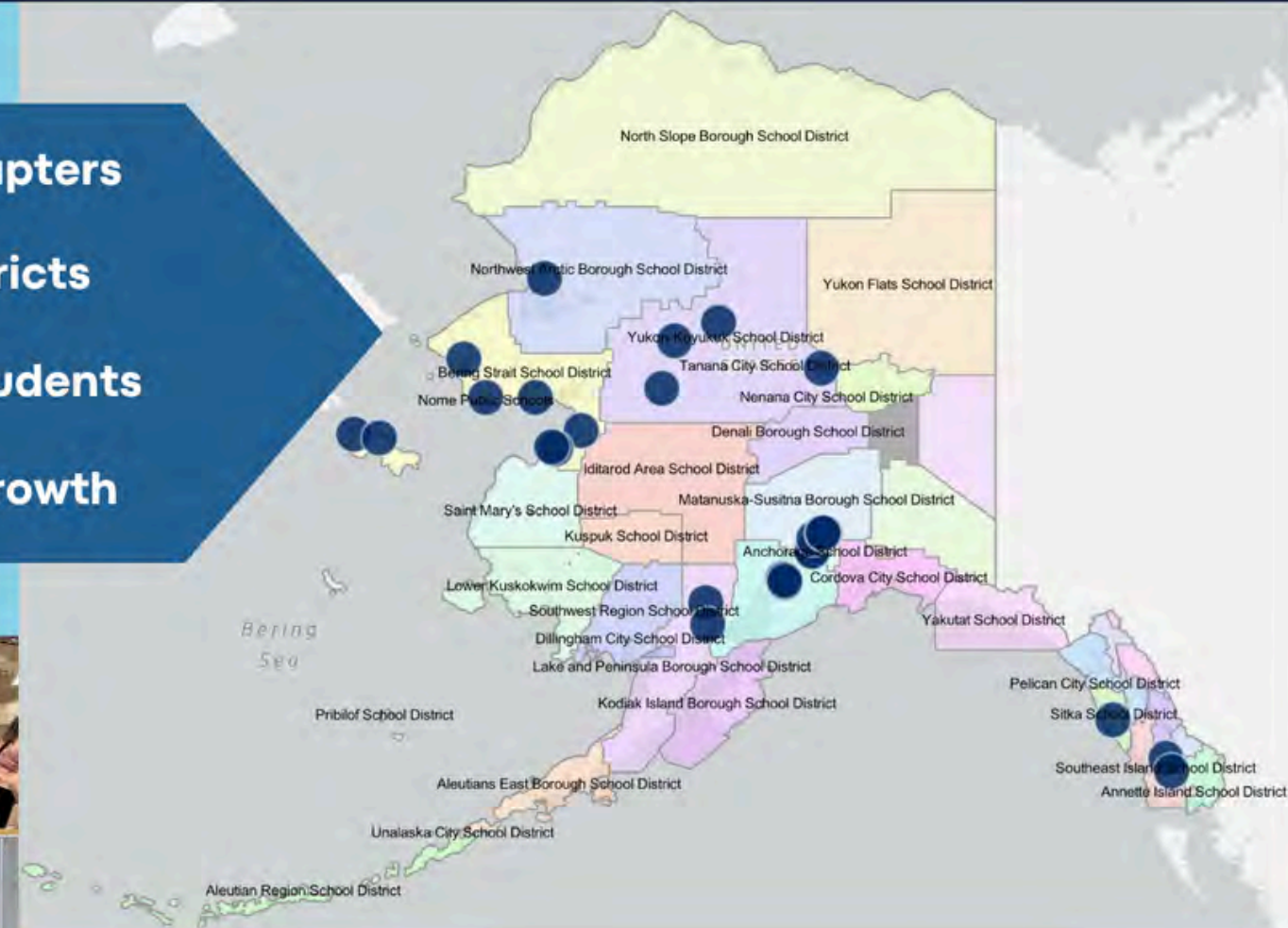
15 Districts



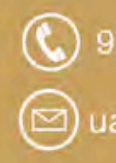
322 Students



73% Growth



For more information:



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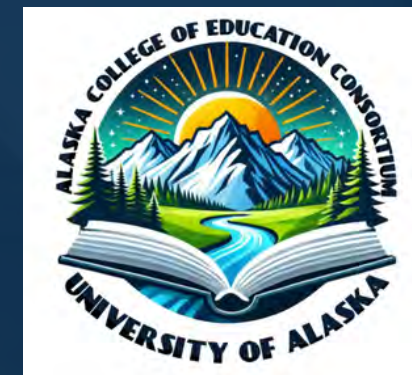


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