

# Pupil Transportation

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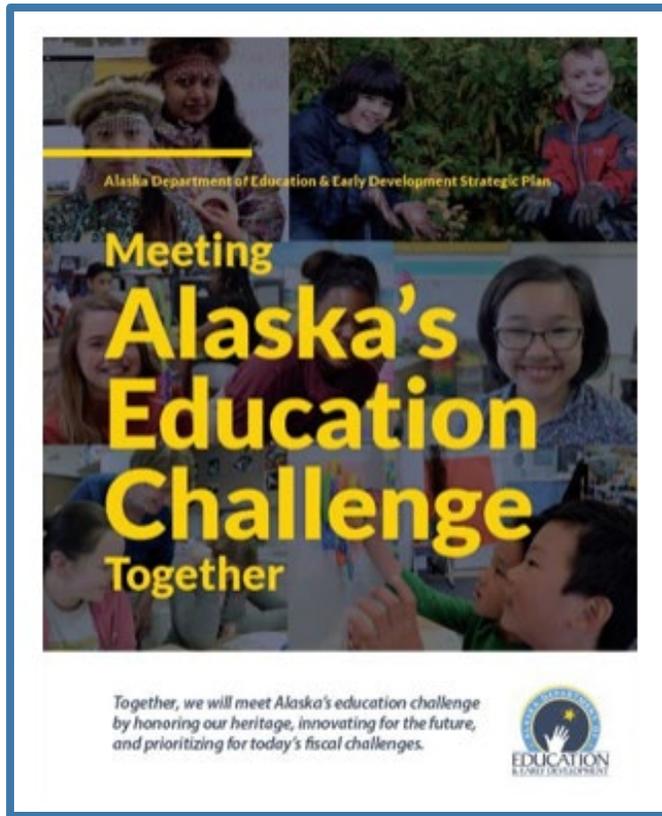
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# Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
<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>

# Alaska's Education Challenge



## Five Shared Strategic 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.

# Agenda

- Grant Program
- Program History
- Comparison of Revenues and Expenditures
- Other Responsibilities

# Pupil Transportation Grant Program

- Grants are based on the statute's per student amount times the district brick and mortar average daily membership (ADM)
  - AS 14.09.010. Transportation of students
- The department distributes the pupil transportation grant in three payments: August, December, and March
- The March payment adjusts the grant, so the district receives only the per-student amount multiplied by its actual brick-and-mortar ADM for the year

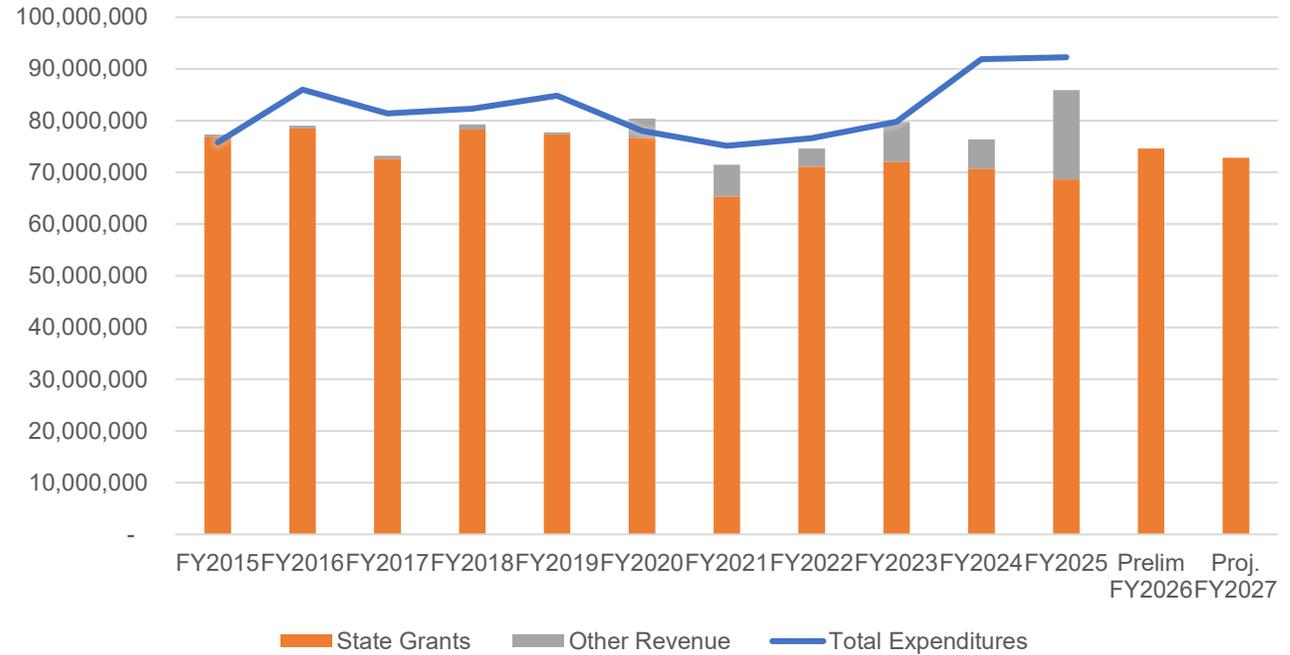
# Pupil Transportation Grant Program History

- Prior to FY2004 the Pupil Transportation grant program was a reimbursement program
- In FY2004, the Pupil Transportation program went to a formula program using a per-student amount unique to each district multiplied by the brick-and-mortar average daily membership (ADM).
  - The per student amount for FY2004 was derived by taking the actual school transportation cost in FY2003 divided by the brick-and-mortar ADM
- In 2012, SB182 recalibrated the per student amount for FY2012 and FY2013; and in 2013, SB57 provided for Consumer Price Index adjustments for fiscal years 2014-2016
- In FY2025, per-student amounts were increased by 10 percent

# Pupil Transportation Revenues and Expenditures *(in whole dollars)*

- Based on audited data of Pupil Transportation special revenue fund
- “Other Revenue” includes non-state funding to the fund
- Fund balance can accumulate for capital replacement costs

Statewide Pupil Transportation



	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	Preliminary FY2026	Projected FY2027
Total Expenditures	\$75,801,555	\$85,955,882	\$81,394,372	\$82,316,324	\$84,836,353	\$77,983,784	\$75,115,375	\$76,606,191	\$79,764,008	\$91,852,649	\$92,223,021		
State Grants	\$76,721,090	\$78,611,743	\$72,619,800	\$78,301,234	\$77,344,671	\$76,668,633	\$65,342,844	\$71,085,732	\$72,006,115	\$70,743,841	\$68,672,117	\$73,804,406	\$74,596,025
Other Revenue	\$582,435	\$417,133	\$568,311	\$984,467	\$359,615	\$3,697,617	\$6,095,816	\$3,539,793	\$7,743,332	\$5,635,161	\$17,205,133		

# Department Responsibilities for Pupil Transportation

- Pursuant to AS 14.09.030(b) the department is responsible for the following items:
  1. Establish school bus equipment standards used to transport students to and from school. (4 AAC 27.110)
  2. Provide for the inspection of every school bus at least twice per year
  3. Maintain a record of accidents involving a school bus other vehicle owned or provided under contract to a school district (4 AAC 27.056(3))
- The department works with Alaska Vocational Technical Center to train school bus driver trainers. These trainers are responsible to train the bus drivers that transport Alaska school children each day (AS 14.07.020(14); 4 AAC 27.210)

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