

Alaska Performance Scholarship District Survey on Course Offerings

The department surveyed by email and phone each school district, and Mt. Edgecumbe High School, to determine if schools within those districts can provide students the courses necessary to meet the requirements of the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS). The results of the survey are attached.

The survey results are organized by district and by content categories marked with a Y (for yes) or N (for no) response for each content area outlined in the APS. If the district could assist students in earning the number of courses required when the APS is fully implemented the response is Y. If the district is unable to assist students in earning the number of courses required when the APS is fully implemented the response is N.

The department learned that most districts can provide the courses necessary for a student to earn an APS; however, the department also learned about limitations that exist. Those limitations include a need to develop offerings of two consecutive years of foreign language, and the need for additional offerings in social studies and other advanced subjects in mathematics and science.

The last two columns of the survey address a) if the district provides distance or correspondence education, and b) if the district indicates they can provide students the courses needed to meet a pathway to earn an Alaska Performance Scholarship.

The department learned that under the current projections of resources and staff three districts are unable to provide a pathway to the APS. The commissioner and staff at the department will be working with those three districts to better understand the issues, and determine what technical assistance is necessary to support individual student access to required courses in those districts.

Because the area of two years of the same foreign language was a common challenge, the department is working to address this issue. The department has granted federal funds to a consortium of school districts and nonprofit education agencies in Alaska to build a virtual learning network which will provide courses that districts could use, or access to quality distance education. The first priority for course development is world language course offerings. Other priorities for course development will include the necessary courses districts need technical assistance with based on this survey, including social studies and advanced courses in mathematics and science.

The second attachment to this document is a list of current distance and virtual education programs and opportunities that exist in the state, and what districts have correspondence schools. Also included is the consortium of districts developing the virtual resources and courses, which will not only be available to those districts in the consortium, but to all Alaska districts.

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District Name	4 units math	4 units science	4 units Lang	4 units social studies	3 units social studies	2 units same foreign language	Currently provide correspondence or distance?	Provides route to APS
Alaska Gateway	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Aleutian Region	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Aleutians East	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Anchorage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Annette Island	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bering Strait *	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Bristol Bay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chatham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Chugach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Copper River	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Cordova City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (credit recovery)	Y
Craig City	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Delta-Greely	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Denali	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Dillingham City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Fairbanks North Star	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Galena City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Haines	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hoonah City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hydaburg City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Iditarod Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Juneau	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kake City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kashunamiut	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Kenai Peninsula	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ketchikan Gateway	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Klawock City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Kodiak Island	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	yes - Rosetta Stone for language, some	Y
Kuspuk *	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y
Lake and Peninsula *	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lower Kuskokwim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lower Yukon *	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Mat-Su	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mt Edgecumbe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Nenana City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nome Public	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Slope	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Northwest Arctic	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pelican City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Petersburg City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pribilof	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	Y
Saint Mary's	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Sitka	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Skagway	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southeast Island	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Southwest Region	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tanana	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Unalaska City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Valdez City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wrangell City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yakutat City	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Yukon Flats	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yukon-Koyukuk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yupiit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
* = Standards Based Curriculum								

On-Line Learning Opportunities

General Opportunities

- Correspondence schools and courses
- Video Conferencing between schools within a school district
 - Sharing of highly qualified teachers between schools
 - Sharing highly qualified teachers between hub and village schools
 - Specific example: NWABSD developed a system to synchronize high school schedules across the district, using stimulus funding, and therefore build greater capability for cross district instruction.
- Academies where students are brought together in a hub or central community for intensive instruction.
- Distance learning, dual credit, and tech prep courses
 - University of Alaska
 - AVTEC
 - Alaska Technical Center (Northwest Arctic Borough)

Statewide Correspondence Schools (12)*

School	District
Alaska Virtual Academy (K-8 Curriculum)	Wrangell Public School District
Chugach Extension	Chugach School District
Copper River Correspondence	Copper River School District
CyberLynx	Nenana School District
Delta Cyber School	Delta-Greely School District
Denali PEAK Program	Denali Borough School District
Distance Learning	Iditarod Area School District
IDEA	Galena City School District
Ketchikan Correspondence	Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District
PACE	Craig City School District
Raven Correspondence	Yukon-Koyukuk School District
SE Island Correspondence	Southeast Island school District

District Correspondence Schools (14)*

School	District
Connections	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Dillingham Correspondence	Dillingham City School District
Extensions Correspondence	Nome Public Schools
Fairbanks B.E.S.T.	Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Family Partnership	Anchorage School District

Frontier Charter School	Anchorage School District
Gateway Correspondence	Alaska Gateway School District
Haines Home School	Haines Borough School District
HomeBRIDGE	Juneau Borough School District
Lakeview Home School	Lake & Peninsula Borough School District
Learning Center	Kodiak Island Borough School District
Mat-Su Central School	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District
Reach Home School	Sitka School District
Twindly-Bridge Charter School	Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

*EED Correspondence School Directory, February 2011

Alaska Learning Network

The Alaska Learning Network (AKLN) assists Alaskan schools to provide students and teachers of all ages with a comprehensive range of fundamental, advanced, and specialized online learning, regardless of geographic or technical restrictions.

The Alaska Learning Network is grant funded through EED federal Title IID (technology) funds. The 2011 components of the grant include:

- a) Provide 30 Alaskan teachers with distance and in-person training to complete technology learning plans;
- b) Provide 240 high school students with courses taught by highly qualified teachers starting in summer 2011;
- c) Develop and populate a database of online courses and lessons.

AKLN grant was provided to a consortium of eleven school districts, Alaska Staff Development Network (ASDN) and Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC). The consortium is also working with Alaska Staff Development Network. AKLN will not only offer services to member districts, but also to non-member districts. The agencies involved are developing a sustainability plan for AKLN beyond the length of the grant.

Member districts (11) include:

- Chatham School District
- Annette Island School District
- Hoonah City School District
- Juneau Borough School District
- Kodiak Island Borough School District
- Lake & Peninsula Borough School District
- North Slope Borough School District
- Northwest Arctic Borough School District
- Petersburg City School District
- Wrangell Public School District
- Yukon Flats School District