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Rising Costs....

The BSA is the first step in our funding formula and funds every public school option in Alaska: correspondence, charter, and neighborhood.

1 X Funding

FY10 \$100 Increase from Prior Year is NOT included in the \$380 Total FY10-FY25 as it is a statistic for FY09

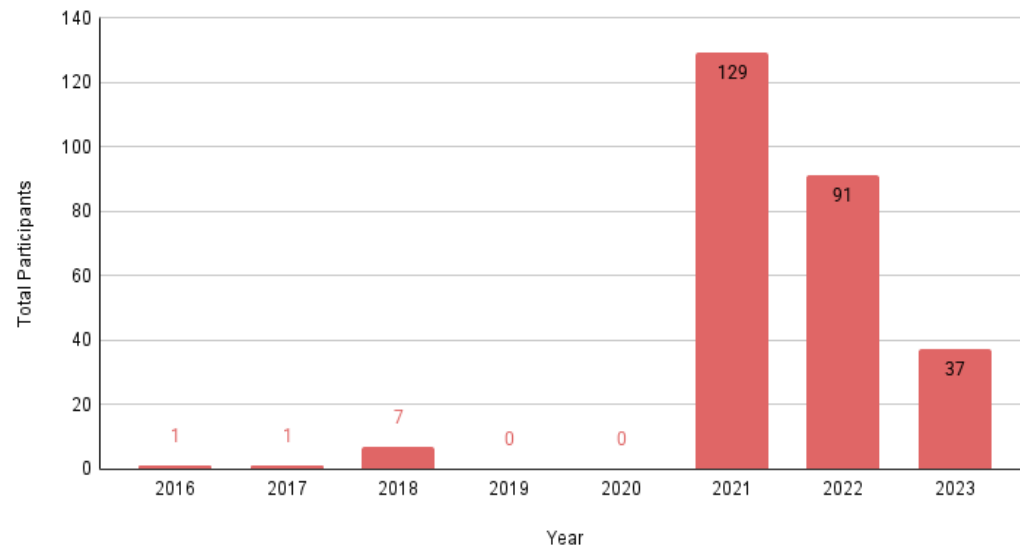
Historical Statutory Base Student Allocation				
Fiscal Year	Statutory BSA	\$ Increase from Prior Year	% Increase from Prior Year	CPI % Change from Prior Year
FY10	\$5,580	\$100	1.8%	1.8%
FY11	\$5,680	\$100	1.8%	1.9%
FY12	\$5,680	\$82 \$0	0.0%	3.0%
FY13	\$5,680	\$101 \$0	0.0%	2.4%
FY14	\$5,680	\$101 \$0	0.0%	2.7%
FY15	\$5,830	\$171 \$150	2.6%	1.2%
FY16	\$5,880	\$50	0.9%	-0.1%
FY17	\$5,930	\$50	0.9%	0.8%
FY18	\$5,930	\$0	0.0%	1.1%
FY19	\$5,930	\$78 \$0	0.0%	3.3%
FY20	\$5,930	\$118 \$0	0.0%	-0.7%
FY21	\$5,930	\$0	0.0%	1.4%
FY22	\$5,930	\$0	0.0%	7.4%
FY23	\$5,930	\$222 \$0	0.0%	5.0%
FY24	\$5,960	\$340 \$30	0.5%	1.7%
FY25	\$5,960	\$680 \$0	0.0%	2.5%
Totals FY10-FY25		\$380	6.8%	39.2%

Source:
Legislative Finance

...and Rising Vacancies

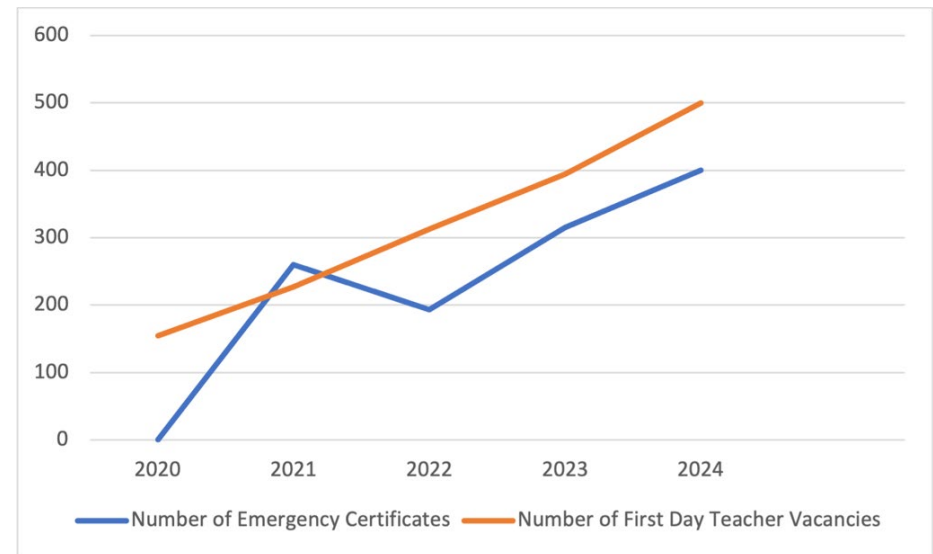
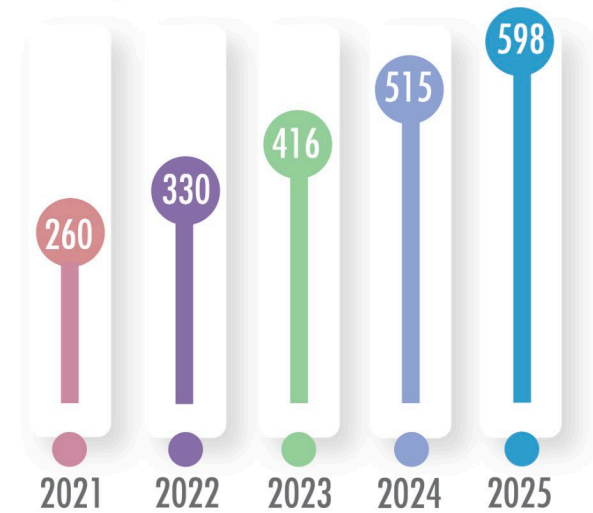
Cultural Exchange Educators in Alaska

2016 - 2023



Source: J-1 Visa, Facts and Figures, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

AK First Day Certified Position Vacancy Rates



Timeline

- Introduced in the House: January 24, 2025
- Heard in HEDC 4 times: January 27, January 29, February 3, February 12
 - 1 amendment offered
- Public testimony in HEDC: January 29
 - 143 testifiers, 5 hours and 32 minutes of verbal testimony, 90.2% in favor, >800 emails received
- Heard and moved from HFIN: February 20
- Heard in HRLS: March 5
 - 4 amendments offered, 1 adopted
- Debated on House Floor: March 10, 11, 12
 - 54 amendments offered, 4 adopted

Provisions of the Bill

- Codifies open enrollment in public schools within districts
- Expands accountability reporting to include student academic growth
- Expands authorization avenues for charter schools
- Increases the BSA
- Regulates cellphone use in schools
- Provides reading proficiency incentive grants
- Establishes a task force to evaluate school funding
- Requires education funding to be passed early in the legislative session

Open Enrollment

Included	NOT Included
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice within districts• Capacity-based admission• Lottery-based admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State-funded transportation• Private school access• Guaranteed placement

Charter Provisions

- Streamlined process for reauthorization
- Expanded appeal process
- State support through the establishment of a charter school coordinator in DEED
 - Policy and regulation guidance
 - Assist with charter applications
 - Coordinate with districts

Proficiency to Growth

- An amendment that shifts the perspective on testing from benchmarks to growth
- Section 5: AS 14.03.120(a) “A district shall annually file with the department, and make available to the public a report that (3) includes a means of measuring **student academic performance over time**
- Acknowledges the spectrum of learning and abilities within the classroom

Reads Act Support

- Introduces reading proficiency incentive grants
- \$450 for each student in grades K-6 who reads at grade level OR shows improvement in reading
 - Grant awarded at the district level

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Thank You

Questions?

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