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Alaska's Learning Network AKLN

Making Education Accessible

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Overview

Who we are

A partnership between Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (EED), University of Alaska Southeast (UAS), and 53 Alaskan school districts. UAS manages AKLN through a contract with EED, and an Advisory Board of 15 members representing 5 geographic regions provides oversight and guidance



What we do

- 1) Provide equitable access to rich and varied learning opportunities with an emphasis on curricular areas needed to ensure that all students have an opportunity to earn the credits needed for the Alaska Performance Scholarship and succeed in post-secondary education and the workplace;
- 2) Implement a rigorous and creative curriculum using multiple delivery models;
- 3) Provide students with clearly-articulated programs of study and, where appropriate, dual enrollment opportunities linking secondary-level instruction with post-secondary education;
- 4) Expand high-quality professional development opportunities in support of Alaskan educators;
- 5) Expand partnerships to include Alaska universities and technology based non-profits.

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Distance Courses

- Over 70 courses available including all courses required for the Alaska Performance Scholarship
- 8 courses which offer dual secondary and post-secondary credit as tech prep
- Synchronous (live/scheduled) and asynchronous (anytime/anywhere) options
- Able to use existing technology infrastructure (video teleconference, laptops, iPads)

AKLN Courses:

- Quality, rigorous courses vetted by standards designed by the International Association for Online Learning (iNacol), EED content specialists, and the Alaska Performance Scholarship reviewers
- Course options which lead to CTE career pathways

Future Educators of Alaska

- A “grow our own teacher” program focusing on students from rural areas
- Curriculum was collaboratively developed by faculty and staff from UAS, UAF, UAA, UA-Statewide and teachers from K-12 schools
- Students earn 3 college credits, and if they successfully complete the course with a C or better they earn a tablet
- 76 students currently enrolled from 10 school districts



A photograph of a whale breaching the water surface, with its large, dark body and white blow visible. The water is splashing around the whale's head. In the background, a small bird is flying over the water. The text "Students" is overlaid in large white letters on the left side of the image.

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Our Teachers

Highly Qualified Alaskan Educators

- Stellar teachers recommended by their superintendents
- Teachers hired as adjunct instructors through UAS
- Modeling best practices in the content areas.
Example: Southwest/Haines collaboration
- Blending classrooms with face-to-face and online interactions

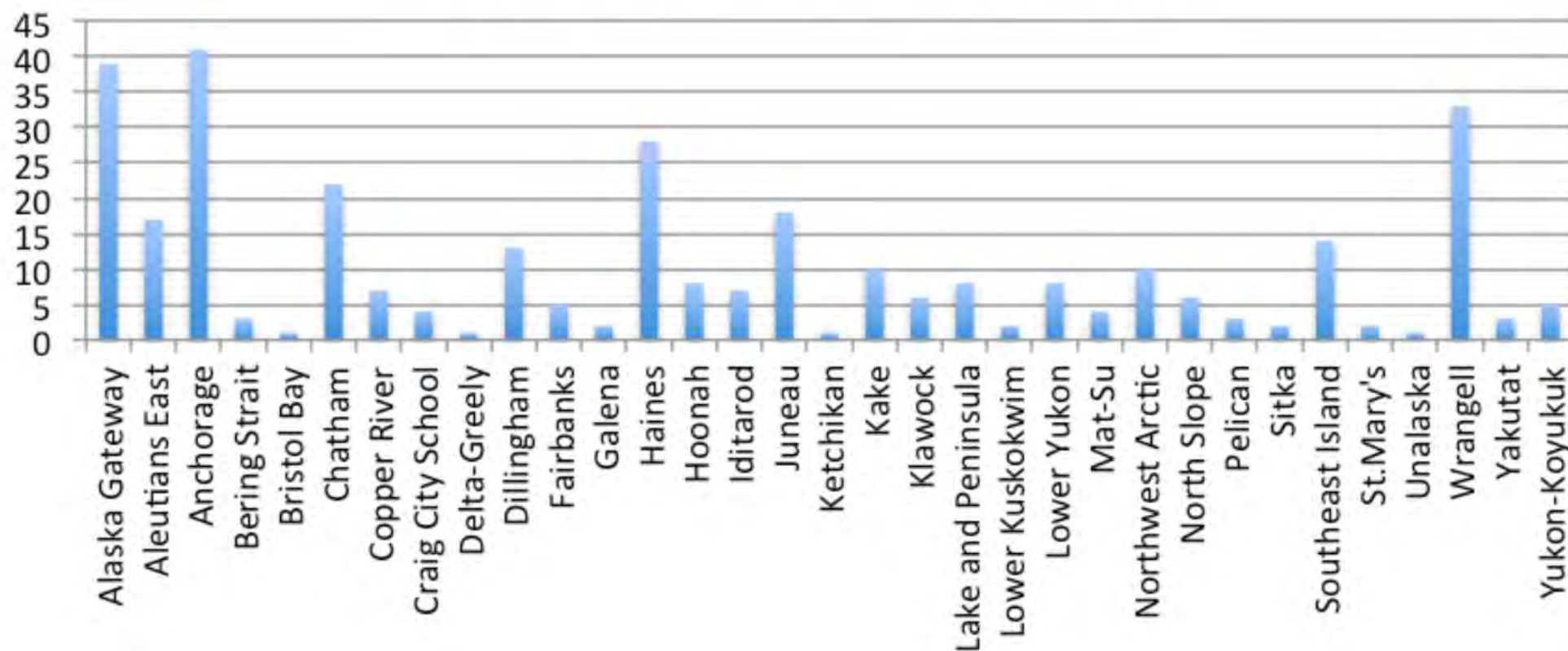
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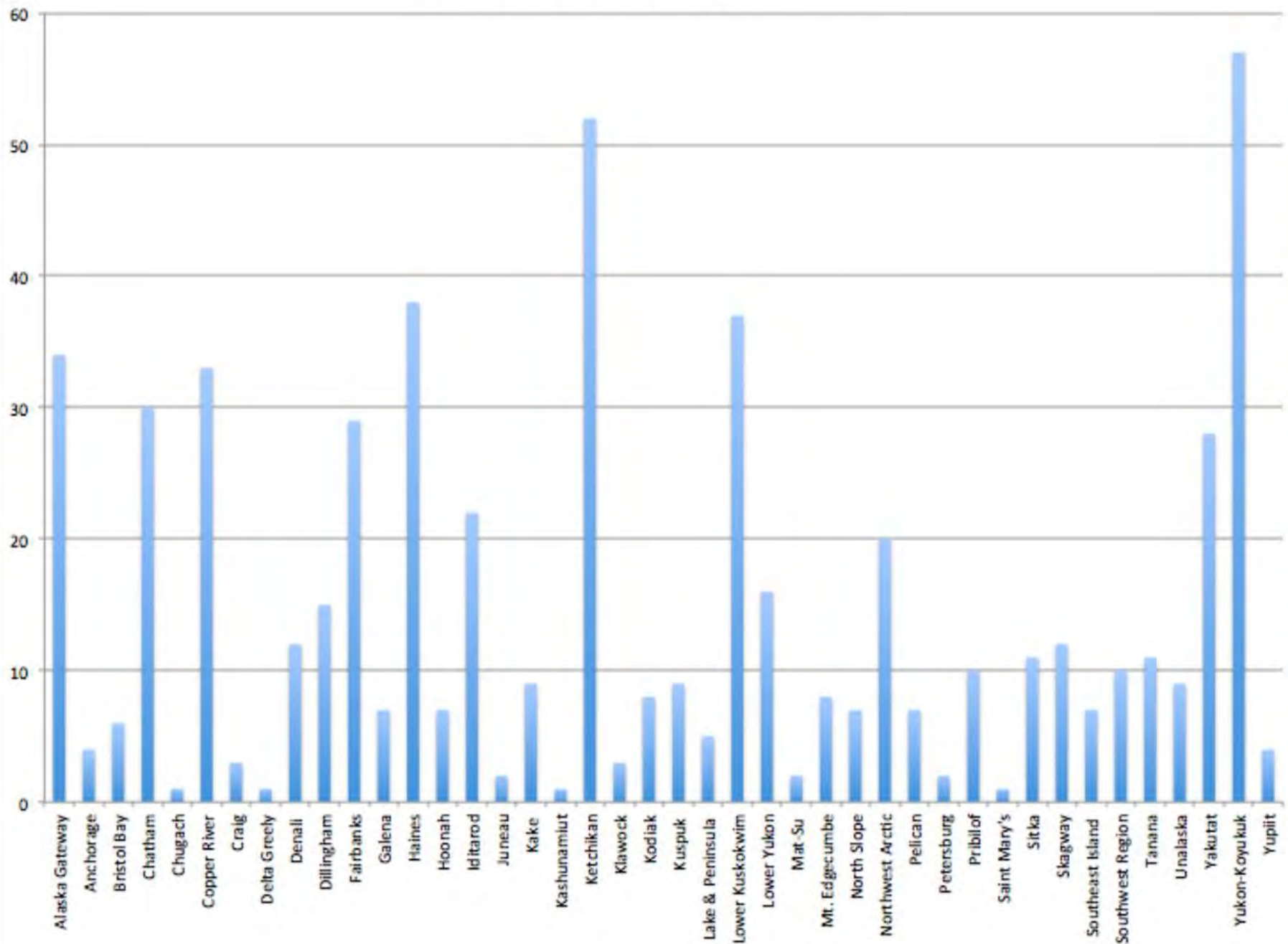


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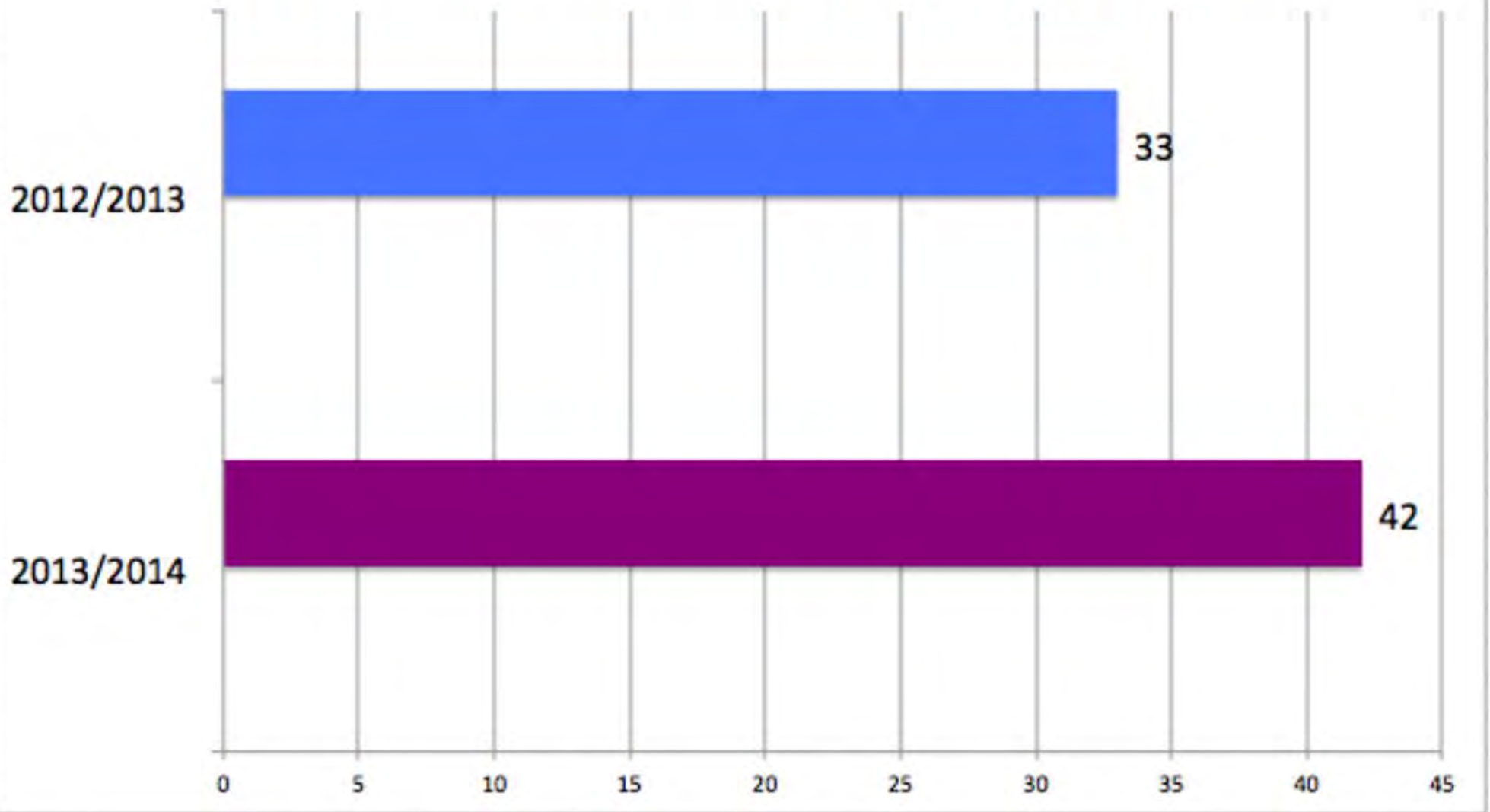
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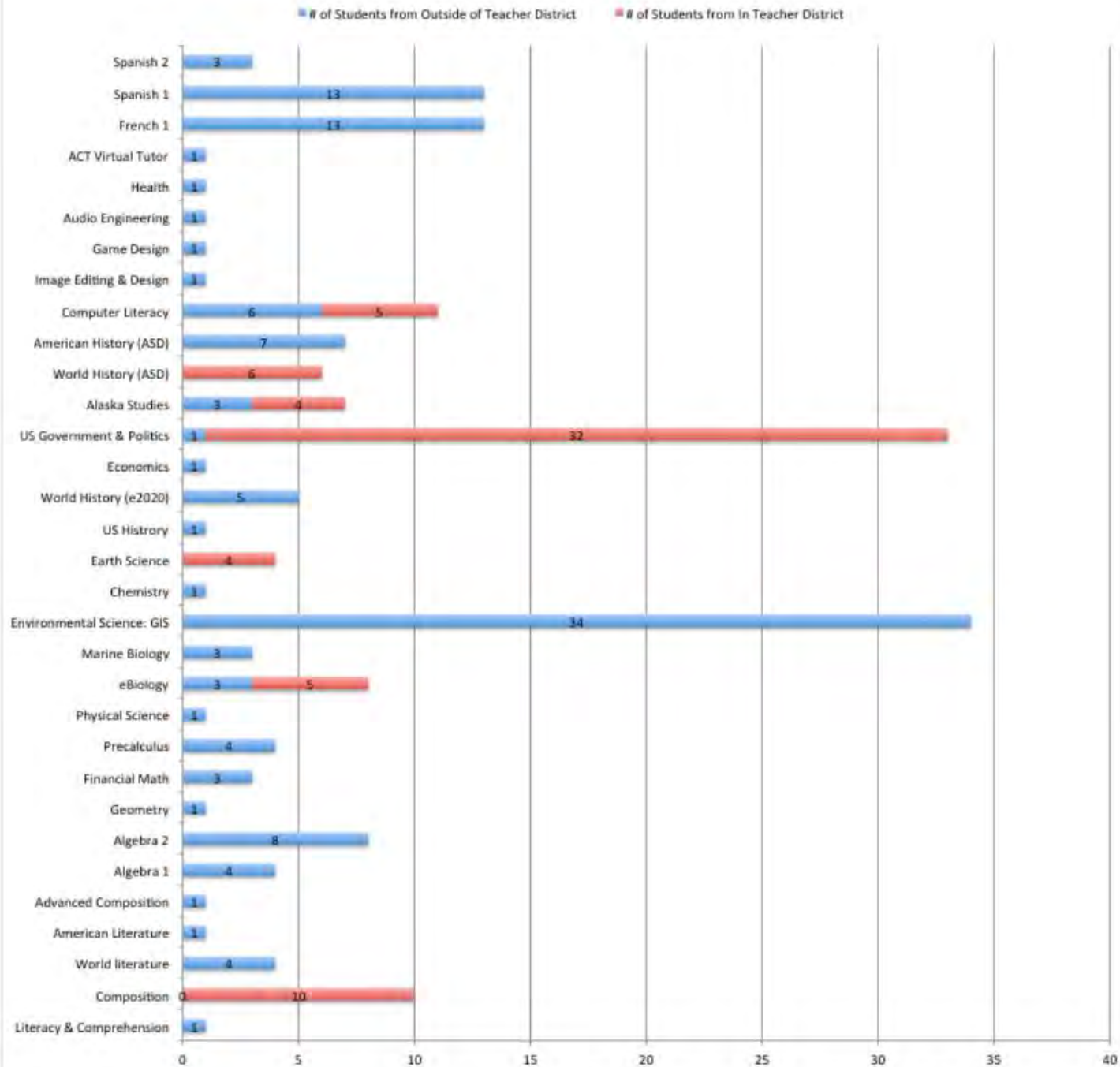
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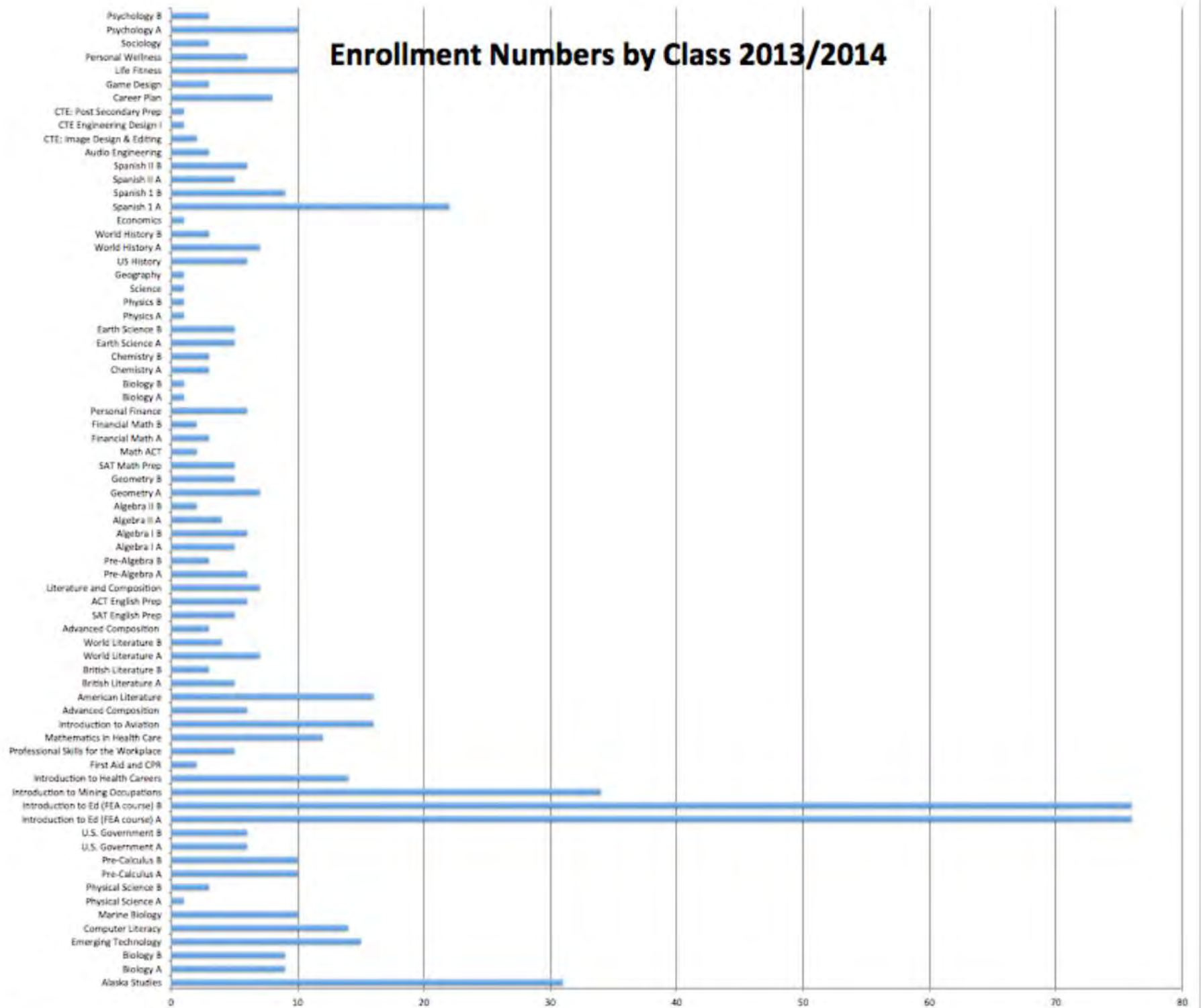
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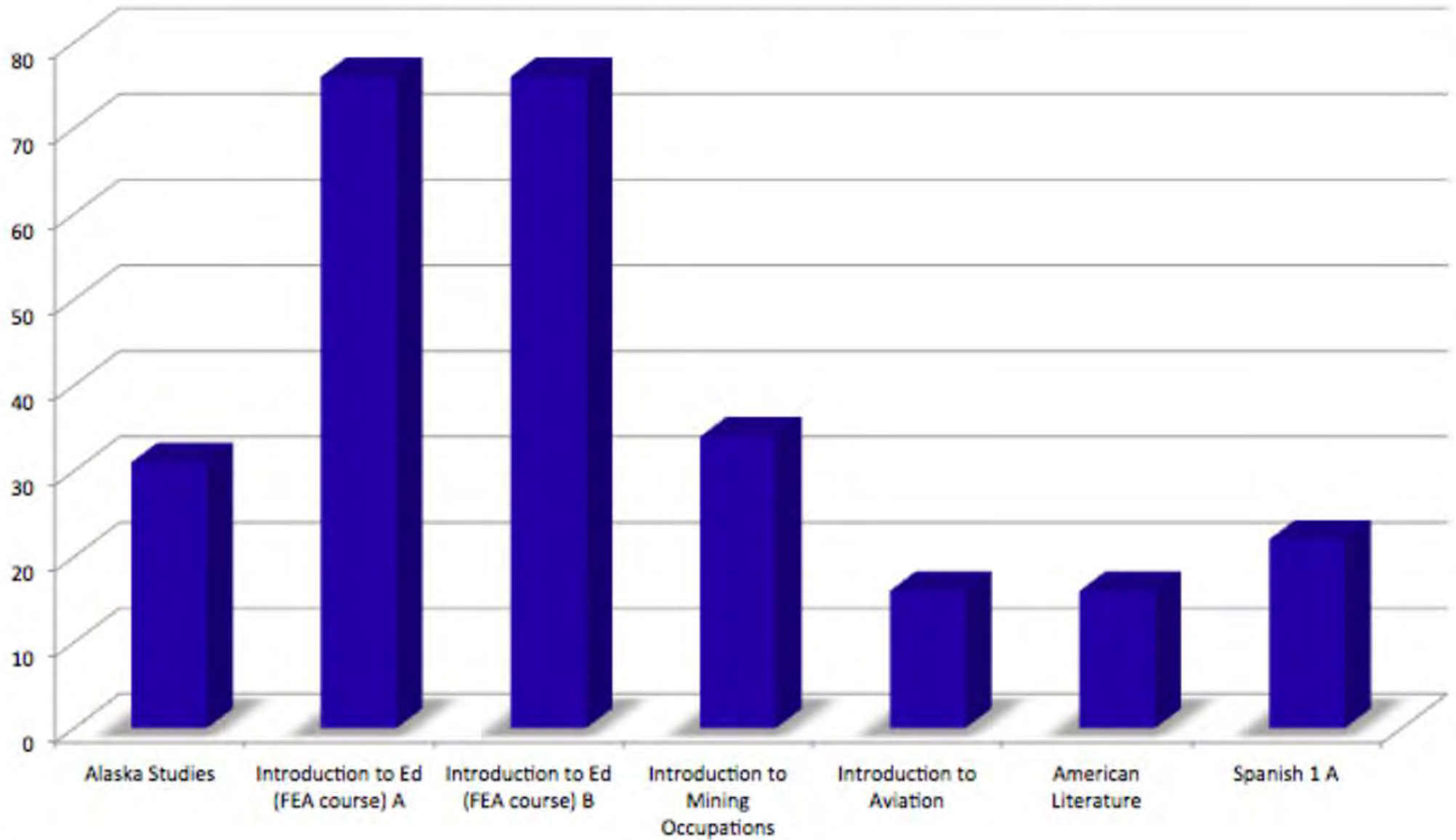
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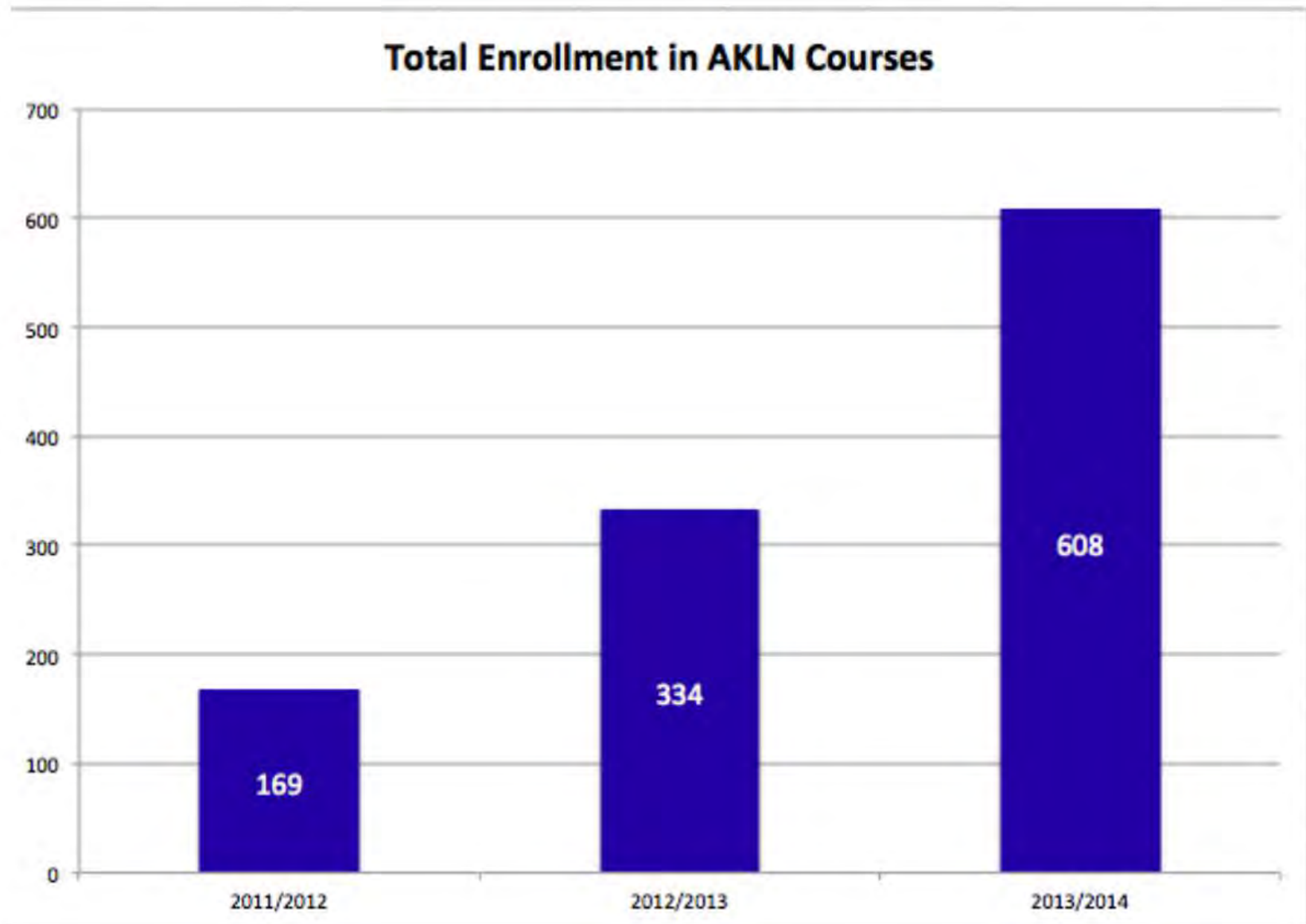


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Most Popular AKLN Courses 2013/2014





AKLN Initiatives

- Increase enrollment
- Increase district participation in AKLN
- Increase AKLN student retention
- Teacher training in e-learning and distance delivery
- Robust offerings of professional development for para-professionals, teachers and administrators
- Development of a summer enrichment and credit recovery schedule

AKLN Initiatives cont'd

- Course development including: Alaska History, Alaska Native Languages, AutoCAD and 3D Printing, AP options, Coastal Studies
- Virtual counselor

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