

The Special Education Service Agency (SESA) employs a variety of virtual technologies to provide support to school district special education staff, students, and parents across Alaska's 54 school districts.

SESA education specialist's use BlueJeans (designed to maximize low bandwidth for efficient transmission), Skype, Google Hangouts and Video Tele-Conferencing to connect with teachers and students in their classrooms. Most technologies allow us to tape the interaction, leaving teachers with a resource on site. SESA also uses live cameras placed at rural sites, allowing specialists to connect via the internet, and observe in real time classroom behaviors teachers want analyzed for specific interventions.

We develop specific e-modules in areas of low incidence disabilities, available under disability tabs on our website (www.sesa.org).

E-modules are designed with an optional quiz to allow parents to review information and for teachers to have documentation (certificate) of engaging in a professional development activity.

Our virtual technologies allow us to maximize our presence across SESA teams to school district staff. For example, a multiple disabilities specialist on site in a rural school, can Skype in a SESA vision specialist working at a different location, if technical assistance is needed in that particular area.

Thank you for the opportunity to share virtual education opportunities provided to parents, students, and school district staff by the Special Education Service Agency.

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