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How many schools around the state teach Alaska History?

Alaska History is a state graduation requirement and all high schools in the state teach it. Specifically, 4 AAC 06.075(d), states:

(d) Beginning January 1, 2009, the three units of credit in social studies required under (b)(2) of this section must include one-half unit of credit in Alaska history or demonstration that the student meets the Alaska history performance standards. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a student who

(1) transfers into an Alaska public school after the student's second year of high school; or

(2) has already successfully completed a high school state history course from another state.

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#4.06.075>

While the frequency of offering the course may only be every other year, all high schools offer this course, and all graduating students will have taken it in order to receive a diploma. How a school district chooses to organize this requirement would fall under local control and their particular setting.

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development does not collect course level data for middle school.