

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

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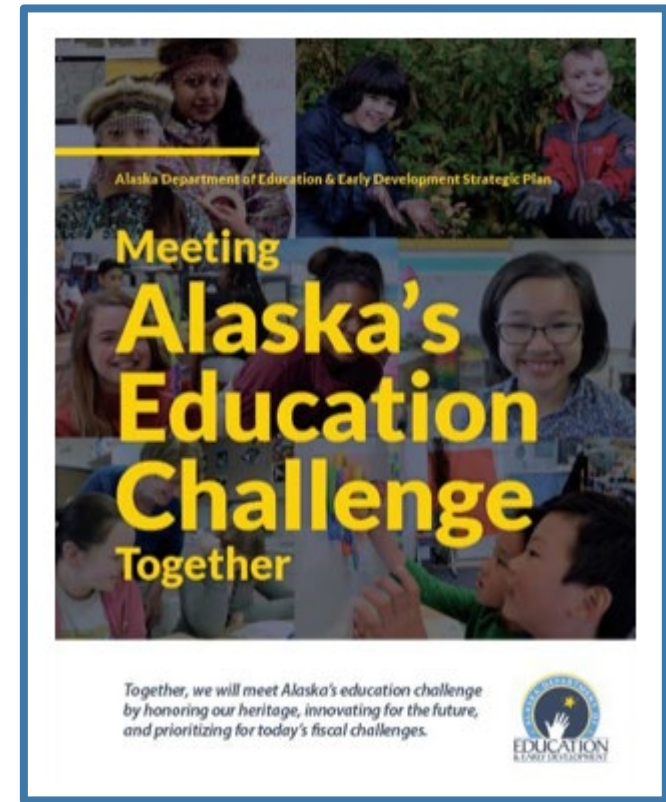
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



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Budget Organizational Chart

State Board of Education & Early Development and Commissioner

- Executive Administration

Division of Innovation & Education Excellence

- Student & School Achievement
- Teacher Certification
- Early Learning Coordination
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants

Division of Finance & Support Services

- K-12 Aid to School Districts
- K-12 Support
- School Finance & Facilities
- Child Nutrition

Division of Administrative Services

- Administrative Services
- Information Services
- EED State Facilities Rent

Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

- Library Operations
- Archives
- Museums Operations
- Online with Libraries
- Live Homework Help
- APK Building Facilities Maint.
- Broadband Assistance Grants

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

- Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS)
- MEHS Facilities Maint.
- MEHS Aquatic Center

Boards & Commissions

Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA)

Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)

- Program Admin & Operations
- Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Education
- AK Performance Scholarship Award
- AK Education Grants
- AK Student Loan Corporation

Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS)

Fun Facts

- Over 400 students from 100+ communities
- 75-year history with over 10,000 alumni
- \$750,000+ in scholarships awarded annually
- 80+ courses with no class size larger than 30, including many Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses
- Cost of attendance
 - Student activities fee of \$250 per year
 - MEHS provides transportation to Sitka in August and home in May
 - Students are responsible for cost to fly home and back over winter break in December



Graduation 2021, in the (MEHS) B.J. McGillis Gymnasium

Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Student Composition 2022-2023

- 412 Students
- 110 Communities
- 38 School Districts



Mt. Edgecumbe High School Graduation Class of 2023, taken August 2022



Mt. Edgecumbe High School Class of 2024, taken August 2022

- 87.5% of Legislative Districts have students from these districts attending Mt. Edgecumbe High School
 - 100% of Senate Districts
 - 80% of House Districts
 - 87.5% of Anchorage Districts

Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Admissions

- **Timeline**
 - January 31st - applications available
 - April 15th - early round acceptance
 - June 15th - hard deadline for applications
- **Criteria (4 AAC 33.080)**
 - Availability of high school programming (academic, social)
 - Degree of benefit and contribution to Mt. Edgecumbe High School student body
 - Factors that make the residential setting advisable
- **Process**
 - Parent & student statements, teacher recommendations, review of transcripts and test scores
 - Multiple reviewers using a rubric
 - Superintendent makes final decision
 - Letters of acceptance go out each week from May through July



Heritage Hall, Culture Room, and Girls Main Dorm, entering the residential campus

Mt. Edgecumbe High School is able to accept about 50% of the roughly 350 applications each year.

Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Aquatic Center Highlights

- 15 Student Certified Lifeguards
 - Student workers guard open swims
 - Obtained certification during class
- Swim courses
 - Beginning Swimming
 - Swim for Fitness
 - Lifeguard Training
- Open Swim for MEHS
 - 5 days per week for students
 - 2-3 times per day on Fridays and Saturdays
 - Staff and family swimming hour on Sundays
- Community partnerships contribute to self-sufficiency



MEHS Aquatic Center, Fall 2022

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Sports Highlights

- Participation Rates 2022-2023
 - 40: Volleyball (Girls)
 - 63: Cross Country Running (Boys & Girls)
 - 62: Wrestling (Boys & Girls)
 - 40: Drama, Debate & Forensics
 - 20: Cheerleading
 - 124: Basketball (Boys & Girls)
 - 27: Student Council
 - 58: eSports
 - ~60: Native Youth Olympics



Cross Country Running team, Fall 2022

Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Activities

- ★ Battle of the Books
- ★ Pep Band
- ★ Honor Choir
- ★ Educators Rising
- ★ Whale Fest
- ★ Japan Club
- ★ Chess Club
- ★ Radio Club
- ★ T3 Alliance



Honor Choir had most qualifiers from Southeast, October 2022

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Academic Highlights

- ★ Beyond minimum state requirements
 - World languages, Social studies, Science, Career & Tech (24 credits)
 - Wide variety of Elective offerings
- ★ Advanced Placement & Dual Credit offerings
- ★ Science Partnerships
 - SCRIPPS Institute of Oceanography - Whale Acoustics Lab
 - Whale acoustics data collection and analysis
 - Weekly mentorship with current researchers
 - On-site field trip in May
 - Over 100 students participated since inception in 2008
 - Sitka Sound Science Center
- ★ Structured intervention support
 - Freshman Success, Study Skills, Math Labs, Content Reading
 - Junior Advisory, Senior Futures
 - StAR Center (tutoring center)

Industry Certificates

- ★ Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- ★ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- ★ Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT)
- ★ Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED
- ★ Heartsaver® CPR AED-Healthcare Provider
- ★ Welding Level 1 - OXYFUEL CUTTING - MOD 29102
- ★ Welding Level 1 - WELDING SAFETY - MOD 29101
- ★ Lifeguard
- ★ Ground School



Student lifeguards Aiden Panzer and Jaylene Philemonoff finishing off their shift guarding for community open swim, February 2023.

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Recreation Highlights

- ★ 4 Staff dedicated to recreation
 - 2 AmeriCorps volunteers
- ★ Student Union Building (SUB)
 - Pool tables, ping pong, foosball
 - Karaoke, Bingo, Birthday cake
 - Concessions, Free-food Fridays
 - Video games, cards, game nights
- ★ Open Gym, Hikes, Sauna, Beachcombing, Stargazing
- ★ After School Clubs (Gardening, Audio-Visual, Kayaking, etc.)
- ★ Whale watching, Dance practices, Local events
- ★ Field Days, Carnivals, Lock-Ins, Dances



Kayaking is a recurring recreational activity, we even have a kayak club

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Student Leadership Highlights

- ★ Student Government
 - General Assembly
 - Class Councils
 - Executive Board
- ★ Upper Campus Committee
 - Organizes activities
 - Partners with staff
- ★ Orientation Leaders
 - Campus Tours & Expectations for new students
- ★ Advisory Board Student Representative
- ★ Regional, Community & Beyond



Orientation Leaders welcome new students to Sitka as they arrive on one of two Alaska Airlines charters, August 2022

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Wellness Highlights

- ★ Counseling Department
 - Behavioral Mental Health Coordinator
 - 2 Wellness Specialists
 - 2 Guidance Counselors (*lower campus*)
- ★ 1-on-1 and group support in dorms
- ★ Partnerships with Mental Health resources
- ★ Proactive and Responsive to Needs
 - Social emotional
 - Daily residential living
 - Substance abuse cessation
 - Suicide awareness & prevention
 - Healthy relationships



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Cultural Highlights

- ★ Tlingit, Yup'ik, Inupiaq* language dual credit courses
- ★ Cultural Integration Specialist*
- ★ Native Dance Groups
 - Yup'ik, Athabascan, Inupiaq
 - Unangan & Sugpiaq*
 - Tlingit - students join local Sitka group
- ★ Cultural Room
 - Open studio for cultural art projects
 - Open kitchen to share Native foods
 - Visiting Artists regularly scheduled
- ★ Language Leadership Club*
- ★ Tribal Resource & Career Fair

*New this year



Yup'ik Dance Group teaches Friendship Dance at Indigenous Peoples Day celebration, with Mt. Edgecumbe, Sitka High School, and Pacific High School, October 2022

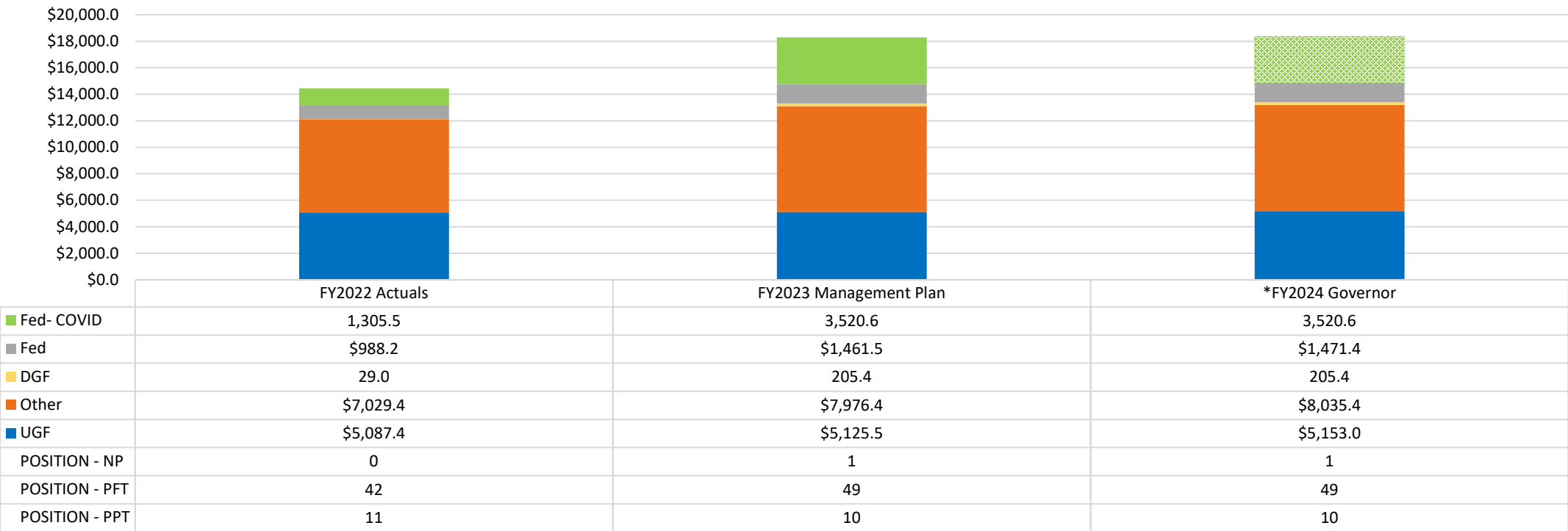
Department of Education and Early Development Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS)

FY2024 Governor's Budget

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

(\$ thousands)

Funding and Position History



FY2024 Governor						
Component	UGF	Other	Fed- COVID	Fed	DGF	Grand Total
MEHS Facilities Maintenance		\$1,194.5				\$1,194.5
Mt. Edgecumbe Aquatic Center	\$406.5				\$150.0	\$556.5
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	\$4,746.5	\$6,840.9	\$3,520.6	\$1,471.4	\$55.4	\$16,634.8
Grand Total	\$5,153.0	\$8,035.4	\$3,520.6	\$1,471.4	\$205.4	\$18,385.8

*DEED’s appropriation allows the carryforward of federal receipts. The FY2024 Governor includes estimated carryforward federal receipts for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act.



Significant Changes in FY2024 Governor's Budget Mt. Edgecumbe High School (\$ thousands)

No significant changes in FY2024 Governor's Budget.

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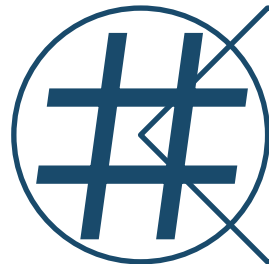
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