



Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

WHAT ARE THE ALASKA PRE-ELEMENTARY GRANTS?

Alaska Pre-Elementary Grants promote school readiness and positive outcomes for participating children and inform the longer-term implementation of accessible, affordable, mixed delivery, high-quality early care and education. The preschool programs provide a voluntary, comprehensive, half day preschool for four and young five year olds (five year old children who do not meet the cutoff date for Kindergarten entry).

ALASKA PRE-ELEMENTARY GRANTEES AGREE TO:

- Promote school readiness on positive outcomes in all areas of child development addressed in the 2007 Alaska Early Learning Guidelines.
- Identify and support Alaska's children who are most in need of support.
- Maximize parental choice and continuity of care, by encouraging community based collaboration.
- Support the use of developmentally appropriate observation based assessment systems and tools to ensure programs are effectively measuring children's progress across all the domains of development.
- Support the transition of pre-elementary children to Kindergarten through partnership and strong school and family relationships.
- Ensure that early childhood professionals have excellent preparation, ongoing professional development, and compensation commensurate with their qualifications and experience.

There are two types of Alaska Pre-Elementary Grants:

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Renewal Grants

Renewal Grants are for Alaskan district grantees who have established pre-elementary programs and continue to promote the goals of the Alaska Pre-Elementary.

Renewal Grants provide continued program support while assisting districts to develop sustainable funding plans allowing them to continue to provide services for children, engage district and community stakeholders, create shared partnerships with federal and state funded opportunities and identify public or private partnerships

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Development Grants

Development grants are for Alaskan district grantees who will be in the process of planning, implementing or supporting existing programs to meet Alaska Pre-Elementary Goals.

Examples of focus areas include, but are not limited to:

- Completing a needs assessment.
- Engaging parents and families.
- Piloting classrooms.
- Expanding access to existing programs.



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2016-2017 Grant Awards

Renewal Grants		Development Grants	
Anchorage School District	48 Children	Bristol Bay School District	11 Children
Lower Kuskokwim School District	40 Children	Chugach School District	43 Children*
Mat-Su School District	70 Children	Fairbanks School District	*Approximately Program in development
Nome School District	60 Children	Hoonah School District	10 Children*
Yukon Koyukuk School District	15 Children	Juneau School District	*Approximately 20 Children*
			<i>*Resources to up to 40 Children</i>
Total:	233 Children	Sitka School District	20 Children
		Total:	104 Children

11 districts and approximately 337 children served

