

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development
Teacher Certification
Component

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Component Mission

1. To ensure that only qualified applicants are awarded credentials to teach in Alaska.
2. To ensure that teacher education programs in Alaska conform to nationally recognized standards.

Component Services Provided

Receive, review, analyze, and evaluate all applications for initial, renewal, addition and removal of credentials and endorsements for the teaching profession as required by regulation and AS.14.20.370. Issue, deny, and/or notify applicant of the determination regarding their credentials. Submit fingerprint cards to the Department of Public Safety and FBI for background checks on all initial applicants. Notify applicants and monitor any resubmitted fingerprint cards. Revoke/deny credentials for applicants that have a criminal disclosure. Exchange revocation information with the National Clearinghouse for teacher licensure records. Issue Alaska credentials to all eligible applicants for teacher, administrator, special service, and limited license specialty areas. Review and approve all Alaska teacher education training programs in institutions of higher education. Register K-12 private & religious schools that operate in Alaska. Monitor the status of obligors to Child Support Enforcement and Postsecondary Education.

Component Goals and Strategies

1. Teacher Certification
 - a) Issue regular, provisional or temporary credentials or letters of academic eligibility within 90 days of receipt of application to all eligible applicants for teacher, administrator, special services and the limited certificates.
 - b) Administer the background check as set forth in AS 12.62.035(e) and identify applicants with criminal convictions which make applicants ineligible for Alaska licensure; deny or revoke licenses accordingly.
 - c) Identify and evaluate applicants that apply for but do not meet requirements for licensure; deny licenses accordingly.
 - d) Maintain records received from the national clearinghouse on revocations. Notify the clearinghouse of all revocations in Alaska.
 - e) Review and approve/disapprove non-academic credit for renewal of teacher licenses.
2. Teacher Education
 - a) Review and recommend to the State Board of Education & Early Development approval of teacher and administrator education programs at institutions of higher education in Alaska.
 - b) Issue student teacher authorizations.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

Teacher Recruitment and Retention

There is a nationwide shortage of education professionals that is making it increasingly difficult for Alaska school districts to attract and retain highly qualified teachers. Even with the most optimistic projections, Alaska's university system will only be able to supply a quarter of our teachers over the next five to ten years. Given that three-quarters of our teaching work force will need to come from outside of Alaska, we must be able to compete with other states who are offering a number of incentives to new teachers including signing bonuses and housing allowances.

The State Board of Education and Early Development is considering an incentive package that includes lowering fees for teacher certification and renewal, paying for national board certification, reciprocity with other states, assisting with mentorship programs for new educators, and teaching certificates suitable for framing and display in classrooms. In addition, the board is considering financial incentives including a loan forgiveness or a loan assumption program.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

- Implemented a teacher exam required by AS 14.20.020(i).
- Developed policy to accept endorsements for posted doctorate, master, major or minor in a content area.
- Coordinated with University of Alaska Endorsement Review Center to accept endorsements.
- Require clearance of security verification and fingerprint cards prior to issuance of certificate.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 12.62.160
4 AAC 12.010 - .900
AS 14.20.010 - .040

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	298.8	293.3	291.2
72000 Travel	7.3	19.0	19.0
73000 Contractual	300.3	353.3	353.3
74000 Supplies	16.3	10.0	10.0
75000 Equipment	20.5	15.1	15.1
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	643.2	690.7	688.6
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	2.6
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	631.2	0.2	0.0
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	12.0	16.4	16.4
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	0.0	7.7	0.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	0.0	666.4	669.6
Funding Totals	643.2	690.7	688.6

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
Unrestricted Fund	68515	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.6
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.6
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	12.0	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4
General Fund Program Receipts	51060	631.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Receipt Supported Services	51073	0.0	666.4	666.4	669.6	669.6
Investment Loss Trust Fund	51393	0.0	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Restricted Total		643.2	690.7	690.7	686.0	686.0
Total Estimated Revenues		643.2	690.7	690.7	688.6	688.6

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

There are no proposed changes in the level of service for FY2002.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	7.9	0.0	682.8	690.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Year 2 Labor Costs - Net Change from FY2001	-5.3	0.0	3.2	-2.1
FY2002 Governor	2.6	0.0	686.0	688.6

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Personal Services Information

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	219,797
Part-time	0	0	COLA	3,972
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	73,509
			<i>Less 2.04% Vacancy Factor</i>	(6,078)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	5	5	Total Personal Services	291,200

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Education Admin II	0	0	1	0	1
Education Assoc III	0	0	1	0	1
Occ Lic Exam I	0	0	3	0	3
Totals	0	0	5	0	5