

**State of Alaska
FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Education and Early Development
Teacher Certification
Component Budget Summary**

Component: Teacher Certification

Contribution to Department's Mission

- To ensure that only qualified applicants are certified to teach in Alaska.
- To ensure that teacher education programs in Alaska conform to nationally recognized standards.

Core Services

- Receive, review, analyze, and evaluate all applications for initial, renewal of, removal of, and additional 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 and renewal applicants;
- Notify applicants and monitor any resubmitted fingerprint card;
- 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;
- Monitor the status of obligors to Child Support Enforcement and Postsecondary Education;
- Collect and analyze data from every school district to determine the number of teachers and paraprofessionals that meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) "highly qualified" definitions;
- Collaborate with National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and with colleges and universities in the accreditation process that have been approved by the State Board of Education & Early Development; and
- Conducting Alaska teacher performance reviews for certification.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results		
FY2008 Component Budget: \$715,700	Personnel:	
	Full time	5
	Part time	0
	Total	5

Key Component Challenges

Teacher recruitment and retention continues to be a challenge. 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 that are offering a number of incentives to new teachers. The State is working to ensure that these professionals who choose to work in Alaska are trained in Alaska's standards and educational policy issues.

Working with school district staff to ensure that all teachers meet the highly qualified requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) continues to be challenging, especially in small, multi-subject and multi-grade schools, in which there are small numbers of teachers.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

Improve student achievement through increased focus on instruction and professional development, tied to standards and grade level expectations, as well as professional teacher standards, for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Improve teacher quality by fully implementing the tiered, performance based teacher certification system that was adopted in September of 2005.

Improvements and replacement of the Teacher Certification database are necessary to continue to meet the data collection and storage needs for information relating to teachers and teacher quality under the No Child Left Behind act and to meet the data requirements under the state teacher performance review program.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

- Adopted American Council of Teaching Foreign Language examinations for teachers of foreign languages not tested by the Praxis II for teachers to meet the Highly Qualified requirements of NCLB;
- Implemented the use of the Alaska Teacher Performance Review for teachers wishing to build a HOUSSE (high, objective, uniform, state-standard of evaluation);
- Amended fingerprint regulations to comply with requirements from the Alaska Department of Public Safety; and
- Issued a total of 4,703 certificates.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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

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**Teacher Certification
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	288.1	345.5	398.1
72000 Travel	15.7	19.0	19.0
73000 Services	225.5	273.5	273.5
74000 Commodities	13.7	10.0	10.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	15.1	15.1
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	543.0	663.1	715.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	52.6
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	16.4	16.4
1156 Receipt Supported Services	543.0	646.7	646.7
Funding Totals	543.0	663.1	715.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	16.4	16.4
Receipt Supported Services	51073	543.0	646.7	646.7
Restricted Total		543.0	663.1	663.1
Total Estimated Revenues		543.0	663.1	663.1

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2007 Management Plan to FY2008 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2007 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	663.1	663.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Fund Source Adjustment for TRS Increases	21.3	0.0	-21.3	0.0
-Fund Source Adjustment for Retirement Systems Increases	31.3	0.0	-31.3	0.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-FY 08 Teachers Retirement System Rate Increases	0.0	0.0	21.3	21.3
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	0.0	0.0	31.3	31.3
FY2008 Governor	52.6	0.0	663.1	715.7

**Teacher Certification
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2008</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	227,404
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	181,778
			<i>Less 2.71% Vacancy Factor</i>	(11,082)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	5	5	Total Personal Services	398,100

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
Education Prog Assistant	0	0	3	0	3
Totals	0	0	5	0	5