

State of Alaska FY2008 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Adult Basic Education Component Budget Summary

Component: Adult Basic Education

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Adult Basic Education component contributes to the department's mission by providing adult learners instruction in the basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, English as a Second Language (ESL), and GED (General Educational Development) preparation and testing.

Core Services

The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program prepares Alaskans for employment by providing instruction in the basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and General Educational Development (GED) preparation and testing through grantees. Emphasis is given to integrating practical life skills and workplace readiness skills into instruction.

Adult students also receive instruction in speaking, reading, and writing English as a Second Language with an emphasis on civics education and the language competency needed for most entry-level service positions.

GED test administration occurs in 25 GED Testing Centers located statewide and GED transcript requests are filled for graduates seeking employment and/or entry into post-secondary education.

FY2008 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2008 Component Budget: \$3,258,100	Personnel:	
	Full time	3
	Part time	0
	Total	3

Key Component Challenges

The demand for ABE services continues to grow. The emphasis on basic skills education includes a growing demand to provide ABE instruction for Alaskans preparing to enter apprenticeship and training programs.

Federally mandated data quality and reporting requirements necessitate a high degree of reliability and validity with in-depth analysis. To meet the mandated requirements, the ABE program utilizes three databases: a computerized ABE student database, a GED examinee database, and an on-line basic skills assessment database. The ongoing challenge is to maintain, monitor, and update the databases while providing training to the regional ABE program staff who use the databases.

GED graduates require copies of their GED transcripts for employment and post-secondary educational opportunities. This office maintains transcripts for all Alaskan GED graduates dating back to 1948. Current transcripts and those from recent years are available electronically; the older ones are not. The program has not yet determined how best to convert the older transcripts to an electronic format or how to fund the conversion without impacting services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2008

Continued implementation of a standardized, web-based student assessment instrument will increase the reliability and validity of the students' basic skills evaluation and provide a more accurate assessment. As a result, the regional ABE programs will better assign learning activities enabling students to achieve their educational and employment goals more quickly.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2006

A total of 1,846 GED diplomas were awarded in FY2006.

During FY2006, a total of 2,102 Alaskan adults completed all five of the tests in the GED test battery, and 88% of them successfully passed their exams and earned their GEDs.

During FY2006, a total of 81.6% of ABE adult students demonstrated increased basic skills knowledge.

The State ABE/GED office continues to process over 2,000 GED transcript requests per year for past graduates seeking employment and acceptance into post-secondary training.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:

Public Law 105-220

Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title II: Adult Education & Family Literacy

Statutory Authority:

AS 44.31.020(6)

Duties of the Department of Labor

Administrative Regulations:

8 AAC 99.010

Delegation of Authority to Issue Diplomas

8 AAC 99.110

High School Equivalency Test

8 AAC 99.120

Eligibility

8 AAC 99.130

Official Test Sites

8 AAC 99.140

State GED Program Office

8 AAC 99.190

Definitions

8 AAC 99.200

Adult Basic Education Grants

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Adult Basic Education Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	222.2	249.2	289.6
72000 Travel	16.7	21.2	21.2
73000 Services	99.7	213.2	146.7
74000 Commodities	9.3	35.7	35.7
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,407.2	2,943.2	2,764.9
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,755.1	3,462.5	3,258.1
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,190.1	1,362.8	1,141.7
1003 General Fund Match	1,564.8	1,570.9	1,587.6
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.2	528.8	528.8
Funding Totals	2,755.1	3,462.5	3,258.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2006 Actuals	FY2007 Management Plan	FY2008 Governor
<u>Unrestricted Revenues</u>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Restricted Revenues</u>				
Federal Receipts	51010	1,190.1	1,362.8	1,141.7
Restricted Total		1,190.1	1,362.8	1,141.7
Total Estimated Revenues		1,190.1	1,362.8	1,141.7

**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	2,099.7	1,362.8	0.0	3,462.5
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Decrease Federal Authorization to Align with Anticipated Expenditures	0.0	-239.2	0.0	-239.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-FY 08 Retirement Systems Rate Increases	16.7	18.1	0.0	34.8
FY2008 Governor	2,116.4	1,141.7	0.0	3,258.1

Adult Basic Education 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	3	3	Annual Salaries	164,722
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	124,923
			<i>Less 0.02% Vacancy Factor</i>	(45)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	3	3	Total Personal Services	289,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Education Assoc I	0	0	1	0	1
Education Specialist II	0	0	1	0	1
Employ Sec Analyst II	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	0	0	3	0	3