

State of Alaska FY2025 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Pre-Kindergarten Grants Component Budget Summary

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide a voluntary, comprehensive, half-day preschool program for four- and young five-year old's (five-year old children who do not meet the cutoff date for Kindergarten entry) through school districts, based on the guiding principles and goals set forth in the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines. The focus is improving standards, assessments, and accountability for early childhood education programs by developing active partnerships between families, schools, and community-based entities.

Core Services

- Active partnerships.
- Providing information and resources to help ensure every student is reading proficiently by the end of third grade

Major Component Accomplishments in 2023

There were three different grants provided to school districts.

Pre-Elementary Grant (PEG)

- Expanded Quality Pre-Elementary Program: Early learning provides Alaska Pre-Elementary Grants to meet the needs of current grantees who use the funds to develop locally designed pre-elementary programs and/or supporting existing early learning programs in their districts;
- Nine school districts received pre-elementary grants for the 2023-2024 school year, commencing the first year of a three-year grant cycle. These districts will receive grants, funding permitting, in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Programs ranged from classrooms in school districts, collaborations with existing Head Start programs or licensed childcare centers, and home-based programming; and
- Seven of the school districts receiving this grant also actively participated in Alaska's Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS), Learn and Grow.

District-Wide Early Education Program Grants (DWEPP)

- Early Learning provided funding to districts to develop, expand, and/or improve existing programs for four and five-year-olds;
- Seven school districts were provided significant technical assistance in working toward meeting all of the Alaska Early Education Program Standards, adopted by the State Board of Education in April 2023, by the end of the three-year grant cycle; and
- Three of the school districts receiving this grant also actively participated in Alaska's Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS), Learn and Grow.

One-Time Grants to Expanded Quality Pre-Elementary Programs:

- Early Learning provided one-time, FY2024 only, funds to school districts not approved for a District-Wide Early Education Program Grant (DWEPP) or a Pre-Elementary Grant. Grants provided to meet the needs of current grantees by developing locally designed pre-elementary programs and/or supporting existing early learning programs in their districts;
- Seven school districts received grants for 2023-2024 school year. Programs ranged from classrooms in school districts, collaborations with existing Head Start programs or licensed childcare centers, and home-based programming; and
- One of the school districts receiving this grant also actively participated in Alaska's Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS), Learn and Grow.

Key Component Challenges

- Academic growth and proficiency for all students in reading, writing, and math leading to an improved graduation rate by increasing the number of children arriving at kindergarten ready to learn as well as increasing the number of schools ready for their local kindergarteners and their families;
- Refining state standards and assessments to demonstrate the needs of young learners;
- Maintaining or expanding the number of children served, based on the total number of children served; and
- Expanding partnership work to include collaborative data-driven decision making based on the use of common child outcome assessment and the expansion of early childhood collaboration efforts.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2025

School Readiness Pre-Elementary Programs

- Maintain or expand the number of children served equitably in a quality program in both school district supported pre-elementary programs. Expansion numbers will be based on the FY2023 total number of children served;
- Work in collaboration with other divisions to address the goals for the department set forward by Alaska’s Education Challenge and the passage of the Alaska Reads Act (HB 114, Chapter 40, SLA 2022);
- Support early learning partners in the area of early literacy;
- Continue with the implementation of Alaska’s early learning statewide assessment systems to identify key areas for measurable outcomes in early development;
- Develop and maintain accurate count numbers for children receiving pre-elementary services in Alaska; and
- Work in collaboration with early learning partners and stakeholders to define “kindergarten ready” and work from a shared understanding of it.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)
RDU: Education Support and Administrative Services (677)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Enrolled	FY2024 Authorized	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2025 Governor	FY2024 Management Plan vs FY2025 Governor		
1000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
2000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
3000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
4000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
7000 Grants, Benefits	5,232.6	8,699.9	8,699.9	8,699.9	6,199.9	6,199.9	-2,500.0	-28.7%	
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Totals	5,232.6	8,699.9	8,699.9	8,699.9	6,199.9	6,199.9	-2,500.0	-28.7%	
Fund Sources:									
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	5,232.6	8,699.9	8,699.9	8,699.9	6,199.9	6,199.9	-2,500.0	-28.7%	
Unrestricted General (UGF)	5,232.6	8,699.9	8,699.9	8,699.9	6,199.9	6,199.9	-2,500.0	-28.7%	
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Other Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	
Positions:									
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)
RDU: Education Support and Administrative Services (677)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2024 Enrolled To FY2024 Authorized *****												
FY2024 Enrolled												
1004 Gen Fund	Enrolled	8,699.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8,699.9	0.0	0	0	0
		8,699.9										
	Subtotal	8,699.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8,699.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2024 Management Plan To FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base *****												
Reverse Temporary Increment of Two-Year Increase for Pre-Kindergarten Grants (FY2023-FY2024)												
1004 Gen Fund	OTI	-2,500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2,500.0	0.0	0	0	0
		-2,500.0										
	Subtotal	6,199.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,199.9	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2025 Governor *****												
	Totals	6,199.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,199.9	0.0	0	0	0

Reverse temporary funding for Pre-Kindergarten Grants.

A new request for applications (RFA) will be available for the FY2024-FY2026 Pre-Kindergarten Grants cycle in the spring of 2023. The funding determination for the grant cycle beginning in FY2024 will be redesigned for this upcoming RFA to ensure an equitable distribution of funds. Grants disbursed will include the original Pre-Kindergarten appropriation totaling \$3.2 million allotted per year for the full three years, and funds from the second year of the \$2.5 million additional appropriation for one year.

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Education and Early Development
Grants, Benefits

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
7000	Grants, Benefits		5,232.6	8,699.9	6,199.9
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
		7000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals	5,232.6	8,699.9	6,199.9
7003	Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants	Competitive grant awards to entities that meet the criteria to receive Pre-Kindergarten program grants.	5,232.6	8,699.9	6,199.9

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Education and Early Development

Component: Pre-Kindergarten Grants (3028)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2023 Actuals	FY2024 Management Plan	FY2025 Governor
6004 Gen Fund (1004 Gen Fund)			0.3	0.0	0.0
6046 General Fund - Prior Year Reimbursement Recovery			0.3	0.0	0.0