

State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Budget Summary

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Component: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Contribution to Department's Mission

To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators.

Core Services

- Investigate properly filed complaints against certified educators;
- Sanction the certificates of educators found to have committed illegal, immoral or unethical acts;
- Promote adherence to the Code of Ethics by certified educators; and
- Review regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p>(1) Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p>	<p>(1) Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days</p> <p><u>Target:</u> Initiate investigation within 30 days</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days</p> <p>(2) Increase awareness of the Commission, its role and an educator's responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics of the education profession</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 50% of Alaska certified educators will understand what the Commission does</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed understand the role of the Commission</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 90% will be aware of their responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed who are aware of their responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics</p> <p>(3) Improve reporting of physical abuse of a student by an educator, sexual conduct with a student by an educator, and the commission a crime of moral turpitude by an educator</p> <p><u>Target:</u> 80% of certified educators would be comfortable in reporting violations to the Commission and know the procedure for doing so</p> <p><u>Measure:</u> Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed who would be comfortable in reporting violations to the Commission and know the procedure for doing so</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

- Process complaints
- Investigate complaints
- Conduct background checks
- Conduct hearings
- Sanction certificates
- Distribute Decision & Orders of the Commission
- Promulgate regulations
- Negotiate stipulated agreements & surrenders
- Presentations to pre-service educators at AK's universities and to currently employed educators through school district in-services
- Newsletter to all certified employees in Alaska
- Poster of Code of Ethics (COE) to all schools
- Telephone consults
- Annual Report
- Publish COE brochure given to all certified educators
- Maintain web site
- Review proposed changes to certification regulations
- Commissioners will network with constituencies

FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2005 Component Budget: \$226,100

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Performance Measure Detail

(1) Result: Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators

Target: Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission
Measure: Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission

(1) Strategy: Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts

Target: Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days
Measure: Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days

Target: Initiate investigation within 30 days
Measure: Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days

(2) Strategy: Increase awareness of the Commission, its role and an educator's responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics of the education profession

Target: 50% of Alaska certified educators will understand what the Commission does
Measure: Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed understand the role of the Commission

Target: 90% will be aware of their responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics
Measure: Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed who are aware of their responsibility to abide by the Code of Ethics

(3) Strategy: Improve reporting of physical abuse of a student by an educator, sexual conduct with a student by an educator, and the commission a crime of moral turpitude by an educator

Target: 80% of certified educators would be comfortable in reporting violations to the Commission and know the procedure for doing so

Measure: Percentage of a sample population of educators surveyed who would be comfortable in reporting violations to the Commission and know the procedure for doing so

Key Component Challenges

- The ability of the PTPC to investigate all complaints timely or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the resources available. The PTPC is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.
- The PTPC continues to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and the responsibilities of the PTPC.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

There are no significant changes in the results to be delivered in FY2005.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2003

- * Completed 82 investigations of complaints against educators.
- * Conducted 11 appeal hearings.
- * Disciplined 7 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure.
- * Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletter to all educators and other interested parties in the state.
- * Presentations were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks; Alaska Pacific University; a University of Alaska Fairbanks Principal Seminar; newly hired teachers in the Mat-Su School District; the Kenai and Mat-Su school districts' administrators on professional ethics and the PTPC.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030
4 AAC 12
4 AAC 18
AS 14.20.370-.510
AS 44.62
20 AAC 10.010-.900

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**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	137.0	144.9	149.8
72000 Travel	12.0	20.7	20.7
73000 Contractual	44.1	48.2	51.6
74000 Supplies	11.0	2.0	2.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	2.0	2.0
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	204.1	217.8	226.1
Funding Sources:			
1156 Receipt Supported Services	204.1	217.8	226.1
Funding Totals	204.1	217.8	226.1

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	204.1	217.8	226.1
Restricted Total		204.1	217.8	226.1
Total Estimated Revenues		204.1	217.8	226.1

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2004 Authorized	0.0	0.0	217.8	217.8
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Changes to Retirement and Other Personal Services Rates	0.0	0.0	8.3	8.3
FY2005 Governor	0.0	0.0	226.1	226.1

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	108,580
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	45,782
			<i>Less 2.96% Vacancy Factor</i>	(4,562)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	149,800

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2