

# **State of Alaska FY2009 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.14.20.020;
- 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 Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification 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.

<b>FY2009 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results</b>		
<b>FY2009 Component Budget: \$679,200</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	5
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

**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 FY2009

Improve student achievement through increased focus on instruction and professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals that is 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 2007

- Adopted Special Education Alternate Program certificate for teachers enrolled in a Special Education Preparation program so that Alaska meets the Highly Qualified requirements of NCLB;
- Implemented the use of the Alaska Teacher Performance Review for teachers moving from Initial to Professional certification;
- Approved the teacher preparation programs at Alaska Pacific University, the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Southeast and conditionally approved the teacher preparation program at Sheldon Jackson College; and
- Issued a total of 3,961 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*

	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	248.8	341.8	357.9
72000 Travel	13.6	19.0	19.0
73000 Services	81.3	277.2	277.2
74000 Commodities	10.1	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
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>353.8</b>	<b>663.1</b>	<b>679.2</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	0.0	16.4	16.4
1156 Receipt Supported Services	353.8	646.7	662.8
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>353.8</b>	<b>663.1</b>	<b>679.2</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2007 Actuals	FY2008 Management Plan	FY2009 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	16.4	16.4
Receipt Supported Services	51073	353.8	646.7	662.8
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>353.8</b>	<b>663.1</b>	<b>679.2</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>353.8</b>	<b>663.1</b>	<b>679.2</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2008 Management Plan to FY2009 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2008 Management Plan</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>663.1</b>	<b>663.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-FY 09 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: General Government Unit	0.0	0.0	16.1	16.1
<b>FY2009 Governor</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>679.2</b>	<b>679.2</b>

**Teacher Certification  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>		<b>Personal Services Costs</b>		
	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>		
	<u>Management</u>	<u>Governor</u>		
	<u>Plan</u>			
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	229,800
Part-time	0	0	COLA	14,113
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	115,708
			<i>Less 0.48% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(1,721)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>357,900</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Education Admin II	0	0	1	0	1
Education Assoc III	0	0	1	0	1
Education Prog Assistant	0	0	3	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>