

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Schools for the Handicapped Component Budget Summary

Component: Schools for the Handicapped

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Component Mission

To provide financial resources for educational services to students with severe disabling conditions.

Component Services Provided

These funds provide supplementary educational services to students with severe disabling conditions. The resident school where the child would normally be placed does not have the resources to provide an adequate educational program. Without the supplementary services the child's needs would not be met by the local school district in most cases.

The following programs are included within this component:

Special Education Service Agency (SESA). This agency is governed by the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. It provides out reach services to school districts that serve low incidence severely disabled students. AS 14.30.600-660.

Providence Heights School. This program is operated by the Anchorage School District. Students enrolled in this program are patients of the Alaska Psychiatric Hospital (APH). The educational program is an important part of these student's treatment. 4 AAC 33.060

Alaska School for the Deaf. The instructional program is currently operated by the Anchorage School District. The district receives foundation funds for the students enrolled. The Department of Education & Early Development provides funding for the residential program through a Reimbursable Services Agreement with the Department of Health and Social Services. Students from outside Anchorage are housed in-group and foster homes while they are attending school. 4 AAC 33.070

Alaska Challenge Youth Academy Program. This instructional program is operated in Anchorage with student enrollees from across the state. Students work on challenging academic programs in a "boot camp" environment. Completing high school and building career goals and skills are the goals. AS 14.30.740

Component Goals and Strategies

- * Provide funds on a timely basis
- * Provide technical assistance to school districts

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Continuing to provide educational services to students with severe disabling conditions.

Providing appropriate educational services for at-risk students in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Transferring Alaska Youth Initiative and Out of State Placement funding to the Department of Health & Social Services for better program alignment and services.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

- * Provided funds on a timely basis.
- * Provided technical assistance to school districts.
- * Collaborated with the Departments of Health and Social Services and Corrections, the Anchorage School District, and SESA in the provision of appropriate educational services for students with severe disabling conditions.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.30.600-660

4 AAC 33.060

4 AAC 33.070

AS 14.30.740

**Schools for the Handicapped
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	4,480.8	6,846.9	6,297.2
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	4,480.8	6,846.9	6,297.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	4,480.8	6,846.9	6,297.2
Funding Totals	4,480.8	6,846.9	6,297.2

Schools for the Handicapped
Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

Special Education Service Agency
(\$17.6 General Fund)

Full funding for the Special Education Service Agency as required by AS 14.30.650 of \$15.75 per average daily membership in the prior fiscal year.

Alaska Challenge Youth Academy - Full funding
(\$569.4 General Fund)

Full funding for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy as required by AS 14.30.740.

Transfer out of state placement to DHSS
(-\$500.0 General Fund)

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Transfer the Alaska youth initiative to DHSS
(-\$637.0 General Fund)

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Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	6,846.9	0.0	0.0	6,846.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Transfer out of state placement to DHSS	-500.0	0.0	0.0	-500.0
-Transfer the Alaska youth initiative to DHSS	-637.0	0.0	0.0	-637.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-Special Education Service Agency	17.9	0.0	0.0	17.9
-Alaska Challenge Youth Academy - Full funding	569.4	0.0	0.0	569.4
FY2004 Governor	6,297.2	0.0	0.0	6,297.2