

State of Alaska
FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

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

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>A: Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission</p>	<p>A1: Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts</p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days</p> <p><u>Target #2:</u> Initiate investigation within 30 days</p> <p><u>Measure #2:</u> Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days</p>

Major Activities to Advance Strategies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$251,900	Personnel:	
	Full time	2
	Part time	0
	Total	2

Performance Measure Detail

A: Result - Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators

Target #1: Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission
Measure #1: Percentage change in number of educators sanctioned by the Commission

Number of Educators Sanctioned by the Commission

Fiscal Year	YTD Total
FY 2003	9
FY 2004	12 +33.33%
FY 2005	12 0%

Analysis of results and challenges: The Commission has seen no percentage change in the number of educators sanctioned due to misconduct from FY2004 to FY2005.

A1: Strategy - Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts

Target #1: Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days
Measure #1: Percentage of complaints and background checks acknowledged within five business days

Percentage of Acknowledgements within 5 Business Days

Fiscal Year	YTD Total
FY 2004	73%
FY 2005	100%

Analysis of results and challenges: Procedures were instituted in FY2005 to ensure all complaints were acknowledged in a timely manner.

Target #2: Initiate investigation within 30 days
Measure #2: Percentage of investigations initiated within 30 days

Percentage of Investigations Initiated within 30 Days

Year	YTD Total
2004	100%
2005	100%

Analysis of results and challenges: 100% of complaints, which warranted investigations, had investigations initiated within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

Key Component Challenges

The ability of the Commission to investigate all complaints in a timely manner or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the resources available. The Commission is funded entirely by fees paid by individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska.

The Commission strives to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and to create an awareness of the Commission's role and responsibility in disciplining certified educators.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

There are no significant changes in the results to be delivered in FY2007.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

- Completed 89 investigations of complaints against educators;
- Conducted 12 appeal hearings;
- Disciplined 12 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure;
- Reviewed 187 applications for certification containing background checks indicating criminal convictions. 78 applicants who had revealed convictions on their applications for certification an/or provided the requested details were approved for certification;
- 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; and,
- Presentations on professional ethics and the role of the Commission were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Education Leadership class, Elementary and Secondary Education, Middle School Administrator staff, in-service for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, and Matanuska-Susitna High School Careers Class

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			
		<i>All dollars shown in thousands</i>	
	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	155.5	170.1	179.8
72000 Travel	13.9	20.7	20.7
73000 Services	44.5	47.4	47.4
74000 Commodities	5.9	2.0	2.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	2.0	2.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	219.8	242.2	251.9
Funding Sources:			
1156 Receipt Supported Services	219.8	242.2	251.9
Funding Totals	219.8	242.2	251.9

Estimated Revenue Collections				
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	219.8	242.2	251.9
Restricted Total		219.8	242.2	251.9
Total Estimated Revenues		219.8	242.2	251.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	0.0	0.0	242.2	242.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	0.0	3.1	3.1
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	0.0	0.0	5.8	5.8
Proposed budget increases:				
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
FY2007 Governor	0.0	0.0	251.9	251.9

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	116,520
Part-time	0	0	COLA	3,162
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	62,007
			<i>Less 1.04% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(1,889)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	179,800

Position Classification Summary

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