

**State of Alaska  
FY2016 Governor Amended Operating  
Budget**

**Department of Education and Early Development  
Teaching and Learning Support  
Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

**Teaching and Learning Support Results Delivery Unit****Contribution to Department's Mission**

This Results Delivery Unit supports the mission of the Department of Education and Early Development as defined in the department level performance management model. Please refer to the information provided under the Department of Education and Early Development.

**Core Services**

- Federal program funding and compliance
- Academic standards, academic assessment and accountability
- State system of support to increase school effectiveness
- Active partnerships

**Major RDU Accomplishments in 2014**

- Worked with districts directly and sponsored the Teaching and Learning Institute to support the implementation of the revised Alaska content standards, new teacher evaluation requirements, and the Alaska Measures of Progress assessment;
- Coordinated with partner organizations to sponsor implementation and leadership training with Alaska stakeholders to implement the revised state regulations on educator evaluation, which incorporate student learning data into the evaluation process;
- Successfully implemented a new, Alaska designed, Alaska School Performance Index accountability system to replace the previously required national system required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA);
- Worked with school districts, and the University of Alaska-Southeast (UAS), to strengthen the Alaska Learning Network, a partnership including all Alaska school districts and UAS, to develop and administer efficient Alaska distance education courses; and,
- Continued to implement the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) in collaboration with the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and Alaska school districts.

**Key RDU Challenges****1. Academic growth in reading, writing and math, to prepare all students to graduate college, career and culturally ready.**

Parents, community leaders, state legislators and many other Alaskans want to know about the quality of education in their local schools. They also want to be able to improve the schools that need help and to ensure that each and every school is accountable for producing results. The school reform effort to implement higher standards, with college and career ready expectations, offers great promise in preparing all students to graduate college and career ready. The State of Alaska has worked with local school districts to ensure curriculum and assessments are aligned to standards. The continued efforts to ensure students receive instruction that meets their needs, and helps to improve achievement when a learner is struggling, remain a challenge. The department works with schools struggling with student achievement, in addition to all schools as they implement the content standards, to provide support for increasing student achievement to be demonstrated on the Alaska Measures of Progress assessment.

**2. Implement new state content standards and refine state assessments****Statewide Assessment System**

The State of Alaska has adopted a comprehensive assessment system for all students that includes standards-based assessments to determine student performance relative to the Alaska content standards. The State Board of Education and Early Development adopted new standards in June 2012, and the department continues to work with

districts to support them as they align curriculum, materials and instruction to teach those standards. New assessments, the Alaska Measures of Progress, will be implemented in 2015 by the department to assess those standards. These assessments provide information to support teaching and learning, and to hold schools and communities accountable for the academic achievement of children. Each year, all schools report assessment information to their communities regarding their progress.

### **3. Implementation of changes, based on the state waiver from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as authorized by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), to the school accountability system**

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, which amended the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), required that each state implement a Statewide Accountability Plan to measure whether a school is making progress. Alaska received a waiver from the most burdensome parts of ESEA in May 2013. The waiver includes three major components:

1. College and career-ready standards for all students;
2. State-developed differentiated accountability system for schools, including recognition and support; and,
3. Supporting effective instruction and leadership.

The new Alaska content standards, and assessing those standards, will address the first component of the waiver. The second component of the waiver changes the accountability system from one based heavily on the test scores from the Standards Based Assessments to a system that accounts for attendance, graduation rate, preparing students for college and career success, and accounts for growth in performance from one year to the next on the Alaska Measures of Progress assessment. Finally, the third component of the waiver includes a significant change to the way teachers and principals are evaluated, requiring the use of student learning data in those evaluations. Each aspect of the waiver provides for improvement in our accountability structure, but will be a challenge to implement as we work to engage all stakeholders and create a vastly different and more appropriate way to hold schools accountable for student achievement.

As the new assessment system, the Alaska Measures of Progress, is implemented, adjustments will be required in the accountability system. These adjustments will be both technical and policy challenges. The department will also need to work closely with districts as they determine how to use the results of the assessments and the accountability system in their local teacher evaluation and school improvement planning efforts.

Maintain support for the Alaska Statewide Mentoring Project and the Alaska Administrator Coaching Project; which will result in decreases in turnover of Alaska educators and improved student achievement.

Sponsor professional development for the implementation of the new content standards and statewide literacy plan.

### **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2016**

- Implement the use of results from the Alaska Measures of Progress assessment system to help school districts adjust curriculum and improve student achievement;
- Implement the state assessments by incorporating open ended complex problems relative to the content standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics;
- Support school districts as they fully implement their new teacher and principal evaluation systems to incorporate student learning data, and provide for a stronger teacher and leader workforce;
- Provide focused, coordinated and coherent district and school improvement support services;
- Increasing concentration on effective reading programs in grades K-3;
- Facilitate the implementation of high quality digital learning; and,
- Provide support for increasing the statewide graduation rate.

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**Teaching and Learning Support  
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2014 Actuals				FY2015 Management Plan				FY2016 Governor Amended			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
<b>Formula Expenditures</b> None.												
<b>Non-Formula Expenditures</b>												
Student and School Achievement	12,886.8	1,688.5	133,001.4	147,576.7	12,875.5	700.3	153,987.9	167,563.7	12,455.4	700.3	153,969.0	167,124.7
OWL	761.8	0.0	0.0	761.8	761.8	0.0	0.0	761.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alaska Learning Network	1,100.0	0.0	0.0	1,100.0	850.0	0.0	0.0	850.0	599.7	0.0	0.0	599.7
State System of Support	1,963.2	0.0	0.0	1,963.2	1,962.5	0.0	0.0	1,962.5	1,976.4	0.0	0.0	1,976.4
Live Homework Help	138.2	0.0	0.0	138.2	138.2	0.0	0.0	138.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Statewide Mentoring	3,000.0	0.0	0.0	3,000.0	2,300.0	0.0	0.0	2,300.0	2,300.0	0.0	0.0	2,300.0
Teacher Certification	714.2	0.0	0.0	714.2	904.2	16.4	0.0	920.6	913.9	16.4	0.0	930.3
Child Nutrition	101.2	0.0	56,366.5	56,467.7	101.8	0.0	52,600.0	52,701.8	103.9	0.0	52,705.8	52,809.7
Early Learning Coordination	9,186.6	0.0	159.6	9,346.2	9,185.8	0.0	275.3	9,461.1	8,747.4	0.0	278.5	9,025.9
Pre-Kindergarten Grants	1,985.4	0.0	0.0	1,985.4	2,000.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0	1,900.0	0.0	0.0	1,900.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,837.4</b>	<b>1,688.5</b>	<b>189,527.5</b>	<b>223,053.4</b>	<b>31,079.8</b>	<b>716.7</b>	<b>206,863.2</b>	<b>238,659.7</b>	<b>28,996.7</b>	<b>716.7</b>	<b>206,953.3</b>	<b>236,666.7</b>

**Teaching and Learning Support**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2015 Management Plan to FY2016 Governor Amended**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2015 Management Plan</b>	<b>29,711.2</b>	<b>1,368.6</b>	<b>716.7</b>	<b>206,863.2</b>	<b>238,659.7</b>
<b>One-time items:</b>					
-Student and School Achievement	-80.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	-180.0
-Alaska Learning Network	-850.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-850.0
-Early Learning Coordination	-373.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-373.0
<b>Adjustments which continue current level of service:</b>					
-Student and School Achievement	77.8	0.0	100.0	-10.9	166.9
-Alaska Learning Network	850.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	850.0
-State System of Support	13.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.9
-Teacher Certification	0.0	9.7	0.0	0.0	9.7
-Child Nutrition	2.1	0.0	0.0	105.8	107.9
-Early Learning Coordination	4.6	0.0	0.0	3.2	7.8
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>					
-Student and School Achievement	0.0	35.8	0.0	0.0	35.8
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>					
-Student and School Achievement	-453.7	0.0	0.0	-8.0	-461.7
-Alaska Learning Network	-250.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-250.3
-Early Learning Coordination	-70.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-70.0
-Pre-Kindergarten Grants	-100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
<b>FY2016 Governor Amended</b>	<b>27,582.6</b>	<b>1,414.1</b>	<b>716.7</b>	<b>206,953.3</b>	<b>236,666.7</b>