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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager
Department of Education and Early Development

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: August 6, 2025

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Education and Early Development

Department of Education and Early Development regulations re: Content Standards for Social Studies (4 AAC 04.140)

Attorney General File:	2024200287
Regulation Filed:	8/6/2025
Effective Date:	9/5/2025
Print:	255, October 2025

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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August 6, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
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State of Alaska
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Re: *4 AAC 04.140: DEED - Content Standards for Social Studies*
Our file: 2024200287

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the State Board of Education and Early Development against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the State Board of Education and Early Development after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations adopt by reference new student content standards for social studies and make related conforming changes.

The October 20, 2024 public notice and the August 6, 2025 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C. Polizzotto**
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CC w/enclosure: Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager
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APPENDIX J: Certification Order

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY
DEVELOPMENT

The attached three pages of regulations, dealing with social studies content standards, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the State Board of Education and Early Development adopted at its December 5, 2024, meeting, under the authority of AS 14.07.020 and 14.07.060 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the State Board of Education and Early Development paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 8/6/2025

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Karen B. Morrison
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Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner

Ann Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

August 6, 2025 at 3:42 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

Nancy Dahlstrom
for Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom

Effective: September 5, 2025.

Register: 255, October 2025.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

4 AAC 04.140(a) is amended to read:

4 AAC 04.140. Content standards. (a) The standards for English/language arts and mathematics, as set out in the department's publication *Alaska English/Language Arts and Mathematics Standards*, revised as of June 2012, are adopted by reference. The standards for science, as set out in the department's publication [,] *Science Standards for Alaska*, revised as of March 2019, are adopted by reference. The standards for computer science, as set out in the department's publication [,] *Alaska Computer Science Standards*, revised as of March 2019, are adopted by reference. The standards for digital literacy [LITCRACY], as set out in the department's publication [,] *Alaska Digital Literacy Standards*, revised as of March 2019, are adopted by reference. The content standards for civics, economics, geography, history, and inquiry, as set out in the department's publication *Alaska Social Studies Standards*, revised as of June 2024, are adopted by reference. [GEOGRAPHY, GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP, HISTORY, ALASKA HISTORY, SKILLS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE, ARTS, WORLD LANGUAGES, AND EMPLOYABILITY, AS SET OUT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICATION *ALASKA STANDARDS: CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA STUDENTS*, REVISED AS OF MARCH 2019, ARE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.] (Eff. 3/2/2000, Register 153; am 11/10/2005, Register 176; am 5/18/2006, Register 178; am 8/18/2010, Register 195; am 10/16/2012, Register 204; am 9/29/2016, Register 219; am 12/8/2019, Register 232; am 9 / 5 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 14.03.015 AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.165
AS 14.03.120 AS 14.07.060

Editor's note: Copies of the publications *Alaska English/Language Arts and Mathematics Standards*, [;] *Science Standards for Alaska*, [;] *Alaska Computer Science Standards*, [;] *Alaska Digital Literacy Standards*, *Alaska Social Studies Standards*, [; *ALASKA STANDARDS; CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA STUDENTS*;] and *Alaska Physical Education Standards*, adopted by reference in 4 AAC 04.140, may be obtained by writing to the Department of Education and Early Development, 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor [801 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE 200], P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500 or at www.eed.state.ak.us/standards/.

4 AAC 04.180 is amended to read:

4 AAC 04.180. Student cultural standards. The cultural standards for students in the state, as set out in the Assembly of Alaska Native Educators' [DEPARTMENT'S] publication entitled *Alaska Standards for Culturally-Responsive Schools* [: *CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA STUDENTS*], revised as of February 3, 1998 [MARCH 2019], are adopted by reference. (Eff. 5/14/2000, Register 154; am 11/10/2005, Register 176; am 5/18/2006, Register 178; am 12/8/2019, Register 232; am 9 / 5 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority:	AS 14.03.015	AS 14.07.020	AS 14.07.165
	AS 14.03.120	AS 14.07.060	

Editor's note: Copies of the *Alaska Standards for Culturally-Responsive Schools* [: *CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA STUDENTS*] adopted by reference in 4 AAC 04.180 may be obtained by writing to the Department of Education and

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Early Development, 333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor [801 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE 200],
P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500 or at
<https://www.uaf.edu/ankn/publications/pdfs/> [WWW.EED.STATE.AK.US/STANDARDS/].

4 AAC 43.030(g)(2) is amended to read:

(2) meets or exceeds the standards and grade-level expectations for a high school course established in the department's publication *Alaska **Social Studies** Standards* [: *CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA STUDENTS*], adopted by reference in 4 AAC 04.140.

(Eff. 11/4/2010, Register 196; am 2/25/2011, Register 197; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 2/16/2013, Register 205; am 10/26/2022, Register 244; am 9 / 5 / 2025, Register 255)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.43.810 Sec. 8, ch. 14, SLA 2010