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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: September 19, 2025

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

Department of Education and Early Development regulations re: Content Standards for
Alaska Native Language Arts (4 AAC 04.140)

Attorney General File:	2024200589
Regulation Filed:	9/19/2025
Effective Date:	10/19/2025
Print:	256, January 2026

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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September 19, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
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Re: *4 AAC 04.140: DEED - Content Standards for Alaska Native Language Arts*
Our file: 2024200589

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the 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 Board of Education and Early Development after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern adoption of content standards for Alaska Native language arts for kindergarten through grade 3.

The April 1, 2025 public notice and the September 2, 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.

Some technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. COX
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Rebecca C. Polizzotto
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CC w/enclosure: Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY
DEVELOPMENT

The attached one page of regulations, dealing with Alaska Native Language Arts K-3 Reading Standards, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the State Board of Education and Early Development adopted at its June 4, 2025, meeting, under the authority of AS 14.07.165 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.

Although no public comments were received, 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: 9/2/2025

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Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

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

September 19, 2025 at 12:19 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


[signature]
for Lieutenant Governor *Nancy Dahlstrom*

Effective: October 19, 2025.

Register: 256, January 2026.

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**

Register 256, January 2026 EDUCATION AND EARLY DEV.

4 AAC 04.140(b) is amended to read:

(b) The content standards for physical education, as set out in the department's publication entitled Alaska Physical Education Standards, as revised as of March 9, 2010, are adopted by reference. **The content standards for Alaska Native language arts for kindergarten through grade 3 reading, as set out in the publication entitled *Alaska Native Language Arts K-3 Reading Standards*, developed by the Sealaska Heritage Institute with TIDES Education Associates, dated September 16, 2024, 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; am 10 / 19 / 2025, Register 256)

Authority:	AS 14.03.015	AS 14.07.020	AS 14.07.165
	AS 14.03.120	AS 14.07.060	<u>AS 14.07.180</u>

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 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, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500 or at www.eed.state.ak.us/standards/. **A copy of *Alaska Native Language Arts K-3 Reading Standards*, adopted by reference in 4 AAC 04.140(b), is available for inspection at the Department of Education and Early Development, 333 Willoughby 9th Floor, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500 and may be obtained at www.eed.state.ak.us/standards/.**