

State Board of Education & Early Development
Tentative Agenda
October 8-9, 2025
Virtual

Mission Statement: *An excellent education for every student every day.*

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Professional Development

10:00 AM

Roll Call

Sally Stockhausen, Chair

10:05 AM

- 1. Committee Meetings..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
 - 1A. Safety and Wellbeing..... Kelly Manning, Deputy Director
..... Innovation and Education Excellence
 - 1B. Tribal Compacting..... Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager
..... Innovation and Education Excellence
 - 1C. Effective Educators Kelly Manning, Deputy Director,
..... Innovation and Education Excellence
 - 1D. ReadingKathy Moffitt, Director, Innovation and Education Excellence
 - 1E. Culturally Relevant Career Technical Education Kelly Manning, Deputy Director,
..... Innovation and Education Excellence

12:00 PM Break

Work Session

12:20 PM

- 2. Strategic Plan ReviewDr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

12:40 PM

- 3. Administrative Orders and Process for DEED Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
 - 3A. Administrative Order 359 Dawn Hannasch, Administrative Services Director
 - 3B. Administrative Order 360..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

1:00 PM

- 4. Legislative and Budget Updates Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
 - Jacob Almeida, Special Assistant to the Commissioner
 - Dawn Hannasch, Administrative Services Director

1:20 PM

- 5. Regulations for Public Comment.....Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
 - 5A. SPED Vision Impairment 4AAC 52.250Don Enoch, Education Administrator
..... Deborah Riddle, Division Operations Manager, Innovation and Education Excellence

1:40 PM

6. Regulations for Consideration Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
6A. Local Contribution Heather Heineken, Finance Services Director
6B. Early Education Program Standards Deborah Riddle, Division Operations
..... Manager, Innovation in Education Excellence

2:10 PM

7. UAA Master of Science in School Psychology Program, Conditional Accreditation Approval
..... Colleen Walker, Teacher Certification Administrator
..... Kelly Manning Deputy Director, Innovations in Education Excellence
..... Hattie Harvey, PH.D. Program Director

2:30 PM Recess

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

8:30 AM

Call to Order and Roll Call.....Sally Stockhausen, Chair

Pledge of Allegiance.....Sally Stockhausen, Chair

Adoption of Agenda for October 9, 2024.....Sally Stockhausen, Chair

Disclosures of potential conflicts of interest.....Sally Stockhausen, Chair

8:45 AM

Public Comment

Public comment is open on agenda and non-agenda items. Comment at this oral hearing is limited to three minutes per person and five minutes per group. The public comment period is an opportunity for the board to hear the public's concerns. The board will not engage in discussions with members of the public during the comment period.

The board will take public comment. The public is invited to attend this meeting by joining online through the digital platform Zoom, or by joining via phone. Connection information is available below:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://education-alaska-gov.zoom.us/j/87907832961>

Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 879 0783 2961

Join by Phone: 1(833) 928-4609

Please note that public testimony may extend for up to two hours. The Board may adjust the agenda as needed. This includes extending the oral hearing to accommodate individuals present at the start of the public testimony who have not yet had an opportunity to speak or closing the public comment period early and proceeding to the next agenda item if testimony concludes before the time period.

Business Meeting

9:45 AM

8. Questions Regarding Standing Reports Sally Stockhausen, Chair
8A. Innovation and Education Excellence.....Kathy Moffitt, IEE Director
8B. Libraries, Archives & Museum Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, Director
8C. Finance and Support Services.....Heather Heineken, Finance Services Director
8D. Mt. Edgecumbe High School.....David Langford, Superintendent
8E. Attorney General.....Susan Sonneborn, Assistant Attorney General
8F. Office of Education Advocacy Paul Reid, Project Coordinator

10:15 AM

9. AI Presentation..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
..... Kelly Manning, Deputy Director, Innovation in Education Excellence
.....Anthony White, Education Specialist 2, Innovation in Education Excellence

10:35 AM

10. Regulations for Public Comment..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
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11:05 AM

13. Approve Appointment of Mt. Edgecumbe High School Director/Superintendent
..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

11:15 AM

14. Approve Appointment of Office of Education Advocacy Project Coordinator
..... Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

11:30 AM

15. Commissioner's Report Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner
15A. Summation Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) and Alaska Science
Assessment Results.

12:15 PM

16. Consent Agenda
16A. Approve the Minutes of July 1, 2025 SBOE Meeting

12:20 PM

Board Comments

12:50 PM ADJOURN

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education and Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: Deena Bishop Ed. D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 2

◆ ISSUE

This is a report to the board by the Commissioner.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information item. No action is required.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 3

◆ ISSUE

The board is provided with background on Governor Dunleavy's recent Administrative Orders (AO359 and AO360), which have implications for the Department of Education and Early Development's operations, regulatory framework, and engagement with stakeholders.

◆ BACKGROUND

- Administrative Order 359 (AO359): Issued on August 4, 2025, AO359 establishes a new statewide framework for evaluating and improving the effectiveness of advisory boards, councils, and commissions. It directs agencies to streamline operations, reduce duplicative efforts, and ensure these bodies provide measurable value to Alaskans.
- Administrative Order 360 (AO360): Issued concurrently, AO360 directs state agencies to improve transparency, efficiency, and accountability in Alaska's regulatory environment. Agencies are required to identify opportunities to reduce the regulatory burden by 15% by 2026 and 25%, cumulative by 2027, while maintaining protections for public health, safety, and education quality.
- Both orders are designed to enhance the effectiveness of state government and ensure that Alaska's regulatory and advisory structures are focused, efficient, and responsive. The Department will be reviewing its existing regulations and advisory groups to ensure alignment with these directives and will keep the Board informed of progress and impacts relevant to public education.
- Dawn Hannasch, Director of Administrative Services, is the department lead for AO359 and Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner, is the department lead for AO360.
- Dawn Hannasch, Director of Administrative Services and Commissioner Bishop will be available to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item and informational purposes only.

Administrative Order #359

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Dawn Hannasch

Administrative Services Director

August 18, 2025



Agenda

- What is Administrative Order #359?
- How will DEED meet the requirements?
- What will that look like for school districts?

What is Administrative Order #359?

- Mandates an annual Government Efficiency Review
- Zero-base budgeting emphasis
- Highlights specific priorities to be addressed
- Provides more transparency
- Immediate and ongoing effect

Mandates an annual Government Efficiency Review

AO 359 orders the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a yearly, executive branch–wide evaluation of base budget expenditures and practices. The goal is to identify efficiency improvements, cost savings, and streamline operations across all executive agencies.

Zero-base budgeting emphasis

This order notably calls for a shift from incremental base budgeting to a system where every expenditure must be justified and reviewed annually.

Highlights specific priorities to be addressed

- Grant funding to non-state entities (like school districts).
- Accounts payable and administrative costs.
- Opportunities to modernize and integrate IT/AI.
- Identifying services suitable for outsourcing or process simplification.

Provides More Transparency

The OMB must annually publish details of funds allocated by agency—including recipients and purposes of grants.

Immediate and ongoing effect

AO 359 took effect on August 4, 2025, and remains in force until revoked.

State-Wide Efforts

- All departments must participate
- The first round of process reviews will be completed by the end of November 2025 (Accounts Payable & Grant Management)
- The second round will focus on licensing and certification processes. We don't have a timeline yet.
- DEED has a dynamic team gathered to work with OMB. Led by Monique Siverly.

Implications for School Districts

Increased scrutiny of grant funding:

- Districts should anticipate **closer examination** of how state grants are spent—especially those directed to non-state entities like school districts.
- There may be requests for **detailed reporting**, including evidence of outcomes and alignment with state priorities.

Administrative and operational efficiency expectations:

- School districts may be encouraged to evaluate internal processes—like procurement, payroll, invoicing, and services—and seek efficiencies or cost savings.
- There may be expectations or incentives to adopt technology or AI tools to reduce administrative overhead.

Implications for School Districts

Transparency in funding use:

- Districts should consider proactively documenting expenditures and effects of grant-funded activities.
- Prepare to answer inquiries about how funds were used, and be ready to show impact.

Potential for changes to budget cycles or processes:

- The shift toward zero-based review may influence how districts approach state budget planning and justification.
- While AO 359 applies to the executive branch and not directly to school districts, school districts that receive state funding should anticipate that continued support may depend on transparent, efficient use of funds.

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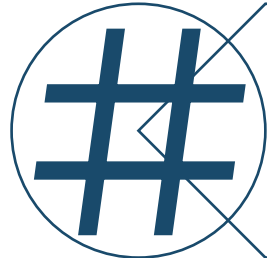
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Alaska's Administrative Order 360

Background & Purpose

- Governor Dunleavy issued Administrative Order 360 (Aug. 4, 2025). AO360 directs state agencies to review and improve regulations. The goal is not simply to cut numbers, but to ensure regulations are clear, current, and reduce unnecessary burdens—while still supporting schools, districts, and families.
- Requires 15% reduction in regulations by 2026; 25% by 2027.
- DEED will review Title 4 (Education & Early Development) and parts of Title 40 (Public Records).

Process & Engagement

- Virtual stakeholder meetings: Oct. 2 – Dec. 18, 2025 (Zoom).
- Public may provide:
 - Oral testimony (2 min limit)
 - Written comments to eed.arl@alaska.gov
- Feedback informs DEED's review before any draft changes.

Focus on Public Input

- Clarify requirements.
- Streamline processes & reduce costs.
- Improve communication & transparency.
- Simplify licensing/program procedures.
- Clarify interagency responsibilities.

Key Notes

- No draft regulations yet – this is an idea-gathering phase.
- Any future proposals will go through the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process.

Role of Board Members

- Be aware of AO360 and DEED's role.
- Direct questions to DEED's AO360 webpage & comment process.
- Reinforce commitment to transparency, broad engagement, and thoughtful review.

Solicitation for Public Input – Department of Education and Early Development Regulatory Revisions - Administrative Order 360

Notice of Public Scoping Under Administrative Order 360 for possible Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) Regulation Changes Title 4. Education and Early Development [All-Inclusive].

On August 4, 2025, Governor Mike Dunleavy issued Administrative Order 360 to improve the quality, transparency, and efficiency of Alaska’s regulatory environment by requiring a 15 percent reduction in regulations by 2026 and 25 percent by 2027. In response, the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development will hold a series of special virtual meetings starting on Tuesday, October 02, 2025, and running through Thursday, December 18, 2025. Public participation in the meeting will be conducted through the digital platform Zoom. The public is invited to attend this meeting by joining online through Zoom or via phone. Connection information is available below.

Attendance Links:

A: Department of Education and Early Development (except Libraries, Archives and Museums) Stakeholder Meetings

Public Comment. In addition to written comments submitted during the open public comment period, oral and written comments may be submitted at a hearing, when held as scheduled, via Zoom. The hearings will be held in duplicate sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the same day; hosted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These sessions may be extended to accommodate those present before meetings began but did not have an opportunity to comment. To ensure everyone has a chance to speak and that we finish on time, the DEED facilitator will limit the time for each person’s oral testimony to two minutes. Please submit your comments in writing to eed.arl@alaska.gov.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://education-alaska.gov.zoom.us/j/88562417050?pwd=MHwsJ69uHYmcpmfHGf2EbXVXB8wRnM.1>

Meeting ID: 885 6241 7050

Passcode: 503834

Join by Phone: (877) 853-5257, 88562417050#

B: Libraries, Archives and Museums (LAM) Stakeholder Meetings

Public Comment. LAM Stakeholder Meetings will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 15, 22, and 29, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The public is invited to offer oral comments during the Stakeholder Meetings via Zoom as well as submit written comments during the public comment period as noted in the schedule below. Stakeholder Meetings may extend beyond the scheduled time to accommodate those present at the start of the meeting who did not have an

opportunity to comment. A DEED facilitator may limit the time allotted to each person providing oral comments as needed to conclude the meeting in the time allotted.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84747055031?pwd=Jmd0RvRUDybiaXDPA0jOLj8fq2Kwja.1>

Meeting ID: 847 4705 5031

Passcode: 844912

Join by Phone: (253) 205-0468, 84747055031#

Please note that input provided in response to this solicitation will be subject to inspection, copying, and distribution as public records under AS 40.25.110 – 40.25.220. **Please do not include any confidential information in written or oral comments.**

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to participate should contact Kathijo Jolin at 907-465-2802 or e-mail kathijo.jolin@alaska.gov at least ten days before the accommodation is needed. For more information, call 907-465-2802.

Questions. For questions or for more information, contact our Agency Regulatory Liaison, Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner at eed.arl@alaska.gov. More information is also available on our website at [Administrative Order 360](#).

Background. In response to Administrative Order 360, the Department of Education and Early Development is soliciting written and oral comments from affected industries, community organizations, and the general public regarding regulations and materials incorporated by reference in Title 4. Education and Early Development, Chapter 03. Through Chapter 67 and Title 40. Public Records and Recorders, Chapter 21, pages 75-97.

DEED is undertaking this solicitation process to ask the public for ideas, suggestions, and input before DEED drafts or proposes any specific regulation amendments or repeals for public review.

The Department of Education and Early Development is particularly interested in specific ideas for regulatory change that may:

- Clarify existing regulatory obligations;
- Reduce costs for the public, industry, or government;
- Improve or streamline procedures, application requirements, and review processes, for example reducing the time required to apply for a license, permit, or benefit;
- Reduce administrative burdens;
- Streamline permitting procedures;
- Improve communication procedures;
- Provide greater transparency with respect to standards, decision-making, and rationales for application processing; or
- Clarify interagency roles.

Written comments. Written comments must be received by 5:00p.m. on the closing date in the Public Comment Period Schedule and Chart below. Written comments may be sent to eed.arl@alaska.gov.

Schedule and Topics:

Chapter/Article	Date & Time	Public Comment Period	Attendance Link
Chapter 34. Bilingual-Bicultural Education	10/2/2025 8am & 4pm	10/2/2025 to 11/1/2025	A
Chapter 66. Regional Resource Centers	10/14/2025 8am & 4pm	10/14/2025 to 11/13/2025	A
LAM Stakeholder Meetings	10/15/2025 9am-12pm	10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025	B
Chapter 57. Library Services	9-10 am	10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025	B
Chapter 59. Alaska State Archives and Records and Information Management Services	10 - 11 am	10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025	B
Chapter 58. Museum Services	11 -12 pm	10/15/2025 to 11/14/2025	B
Chapter 42. Private Schools	10/16/2025 8am & 4pm	10/16/2025 to 11/15/2025	A
Chapter 51. Vocational Education: Article 3. Secondary Vocational Educational Programs	10/21/2025 8am & 4pm	10/21/2025 to 11/20/2025	A
LAM Stakeholder Meetings	10/22/2025 9am-12pm	10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025	B
Chapter 57. Library Services	9-10 am	10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025	B
Chapter 59. Alaska State Archives and Records and Information Management Services	10 - 11 am	10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025	B
Chapter 58. Museum Services	11 -12 pm	10/22/2025 to 11/21/2025	B
Chapter 12. Certification of Professional Teachers & Chapter 30. Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers	10/23/2025 8am & 4pm	10/23/2025 to 11/22/2025	A
Chapter 15. Allowances for Professional Personnel; Chapter 18. Employment of Professional Personnel, & Chapter 19. Evaluation of Professional Employees	10/28/2025 8am & 4pm	10/28/2025 to 11/27/2025	A

LAM Stakeholder Meetings	10/29/25 9am-12pm	10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025	B
Chapter 57. Library Services	9-10 am	10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025	B
Chapter 59. Alaska State Archives and Records and Information Management Services	10 - 11 am	10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025	B
Chapter 58. Museum Services	11 -12 pm	10/29/2025 to 11/28/2025	B
Chapter 33. Special Programs	11/4/2025 8am & 4pm	11/4/2025 to 12/4/2025	A
Chapter 07. Student Rights and Responsibilities	11/6/2025 8am & 4pm	11/6/2025 to 12/6/2025	A
Chapter 60. Pre-Elementary (Early Childhood) School	11/11/2025 8am & 4pm	11/11/2025 to 12/11/2025	A
Chapter 67. Virtual Education Consortium	11/13/2025 8am & 4pm	11/13/2025 to 12/13/2025	A
Chapter 31. School Facility Planning and Construction	11/18/2025 8am & 4pm	11/18/2025 to 12/18/2025	A
Chapter 09. State Support of Schools & Chapter 27. Transportation of Pupils	11/20/2025 8am & 4pm	11/20/2025 to 12/20/2025	A
Chapter 06. Government of Schools: Article 3. Department Reading Program & Article 4. District Reading Intervention Services and Strategies	12/2/2025 8am & 4pm	12/2/2025 to 01/01/2026	A
Chapter 06. Government of Schools: Article 2. Safe Schools, Article 5. Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Article 6. Statewide Student Assessment & Article 7. School and District Accountability	12/4/2025 8am & 4pm	12/4/2025 to 1/3/2026	A
Chapter 03. State Board of Education; Chapter 04. Statewide Goals; Chapter 05. Local Education; & Chapter 06. Government of Schools: Article 1. General Administration	12/9/2025 8am & 4pm	12/9/2025 to 1/8/2026	A
Chapter 52. Education for Children with Disabilities and Gifted	12/11/2025 8am & 4pm	12/11/2025 to 1/10/2026	A
Chapter 43. Alaska Performance Scholarship Program	12/16/2025 8am & 4pm	12/16/2025 to 1/15/2026	A
Chapter 40. Review and Appeals of Actions and Decisions Regarding Funding	12/18/2025 8am & 4pm	12/18/2026 to 1/17/2026	A

The Department is not currently proposing any specific regulation change and there are no draft regulations prepared for public comment under the Administrative Procedure Act at this time. If the Department of Education and Early Development undertakes revisions to these regulations, there will be an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation changes that are released for public review and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Department keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of DEED's notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the Department of Education and Early Development at eed.arl@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

Individuals can also sign up to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>.

The Department may amend its published agenda. Agenda times are estimates only, and the Department may consider agenda items out of order without amending its agenda. The Department also reserves the right to adjourn at a time earlier or later than estimated on the published agenda.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 4

◆ ISSUE

This is a standing report to the board regarding Legislation and Budget.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The board will be briefed on the FY2026 budget in action.
- The board will also receive a legislative update on issues relevant to the department.
- Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner, Dawn Hannasch, Administrative Services Director, Jake Almeida, Legislative Liaison will present the briefing to the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an informative update, no action is required.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 20205

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 5

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve a 30-day period of public comment on revisions to 4 AAC 52.250. Special Education Aides, 4 AAC 52.252. Program Supervision, and 4AAC 52.130. Criteria for Eligibility (Visual Impairment).

◆ BACKGROUND

- Special Education Aides (4 AAC 52.250) –
The recommended update for this regulation updates language on supervision by removing rigid “on-site” requirements and instead allows the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team at a school to determine individualized supervision frequency, with at least monthly oversight and removes the option for less frequent (quarterly) on-site reviews.
- Program Supervision (4 AAC 52.252) –
The change to Supervision Method/Frequency aligns supervision requirements and frequency for programs with the provisions listed from 4 AAC 52.250.
- Eligibility for Visual Impairment (4 AAC 52.130) –
This change clarifies an eligibility element removing the word “physical” from the criteria of “a physical eye condition.”. This change was requested by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
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◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 10

4 AAC 52.130(i)(1) is amended to read:

(1) exhibit [A]

(A) a visual impairment, not primarily perceptual in nature, resulting in measured acuity of 20/70 or poorer in the better eye with correction, or a visual field restriction of 20 degrees as determined by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, that, even with correction, adversely affects educational performance; or

(B) an [A PHYSICAL] eye condition that affects visual functioning to the extent that specially designed instruction is needed;

(Eff. 7/1/83, Register 86; am 6/9/85, Register 94; am 7/16/89, Register 111; am 11/28/92, Register 124; am 11/26/93, Register 128; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 9/29/2005, Register 175; am 8/30/2007, Register 183; am 8/19/2009, Register 191; am 11/28/2009, Register 192; am 9/9/2016, Register 219; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.30.180 AS 14.30.355
AS 14.07.060 AS 14.30.274

4 AAC 52.250 is amended to read:

4 AAC 52.250. Special education aides. (a) A person employed as a special education aide shall be trained by a special education teacher or specialist certificated under 4 AAC 12.330 or 4 AAC 12.365, or licensed under AS 08.11, AS 08.84, or AS 08.86 to provide the services with which the aide will assist.

(b) Before a special education aide assists in providing direct special education or related services to a child [OR CHILDREN], or concurrent with providing direct special education or

related services to a child [OR CHILDREN], the district **shall** [MUST] provide and document a minimum of six hours of annual training, in the aggregate, to the aide regarding

- (1) the child's **disability** [OR CHILDREN'S DISABILITIES];
- (2) the content of the **child's IEP** [IEPS];
- (3) the instructional and safety procedures to be used; and
- (4) confidentiality procedures.

(c) Each special education aide employed by the district to assist in providing special education to a child **shall** [MUST] be supervised, **by video conference or** on-site, by the certificated special education teacher responsible for the child's program. The child's IEP team shall make an individualized determination of the frequency of **video conference or** on-site supervision for each program. A district **shall** [MUST] provide for **video conference or** on-site supervision at least once every month [UNLESS THE IEP TEAM, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE EVIDENCE, DETERMINES THAT LESS FREQUENT ON-SITE SUPERVISION FOR THAT PROGRAM IS SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A FAPE TO THE CHILD. HOWEVER, A DISTRICT MAY NOT PROVIDE ON-SITE SUPERVISION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS].

(d) Each special education aide employed by the district to assist in providing related services to a child **shall** [MUST] be supervised, **by video conference or** on-site, by the certificated or licensed related services provider responsible for the child's program. The child's IEP team shall make an individualized determination of the frequency of **video conference or** on-site supervision for each related service. A district **shall** [MUST] provide for **video conference or** on-site supervision at least once every month [UNLESS THE IEP TEAM, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE EVIDENCE, DETERMINES THAT LESS

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Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.30.180 AS 14.30.250

4 AAC 52.252 is amended to read:

4 AAC 52.252. Program supervision. (a) Each special education program provided to a child through the assistance of a certificated regular education teacher must be reviewed, by video conference or on-site, by the certificated special education teacher responsible for the child's program. The child's IEP team shall make an individualized determination of the frequency of video conference or on-site supervision for each program. A district **shall** [MUST] provide for video conference or on-site supervision at least once every month [UNLESS THE IEP TEAM, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE EVIDENCE, DETERMINES THAT LESS FREQUENT ON-SITE SUPERVISION FOR THAT PROGRAM IS SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE A FAPE TO THE CHILD. HOWEVER, A DISTRICT MAY NOT PROVIDE ON-SITE SUPERVISION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS].

(b) Each related services program provided to a child through the assistance of a certificated regular or special education teacher must be reviewed, by video conference or on-site, by the certificated or licensed related services provider responsible for the child's program.

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(Eff. 7/16/89, Register 111; am 9/23/2007, Register 183; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.30.180 AS 14.30.350

Regulation Summary

4 AAC 52.250 – Special Education Aides

Establishes requirements for the training and supervision of special education aides, including annual training on disabilities, IEP content, instructional and safety procedures, and confidentiality. Specifies that aides must be supervised by the certificated special education teacher or licensed related service provider responsible for the student's program.

4 AAC 52.252 – Program Supervision

Outlines the supervision requirements for special education and related service programs that are supported by certificated regular education teachers. Requires program reviews and oversight by the certificated special education teacher or licensed related service provider responsible for the program.

4 AAC 52.130 – Criteria for Eligibility (Visual Impairment)

Defines the criteria for a student to be identified as having a visual impairment, including specific measures of visual acuity or field restriction, the need for specially designed instruction, and certification by a team that includes a teacher of students with visual impairments.

Summary of Proposed Regulatory Changes

Special Education Aides (4 AAC 52.250) –

Change to Supervision Method/Frequency: The recommended update for this regulation updates language on supervision by removing rigid “on-site” requirements and instead allows the IEP team to determine individualized supervision frequency, with at least monthly oversight and removes the option for less frequent (quarterly) on-site reviews and reinforces

Program Supervision (4 AAC 52.252) –

Change to Supervision Method/Frequency: Aligns supervision requirements and frequency for programs with the provisions listed from 4 AAC 52.250.

Eligibility for Visual Impairment (4 AAC 52.130) –

Eligibility Criteria: Clarifies an eligibility element removing the word “physical” from the criteria of “a physical eye condition ..” at “(i) (1) (B)” – This change was requested by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 6A

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to return the proposed regulation amendments to 4 AAC 09, related to the financing of public schools and the required local contribution, to the Department. This will allow the Department to collaborate further with stakeholders and develop a solution that both meets the needs of school districts and aligns with federal regulations and state statute.

◆ BACKGROUND

- At the June 2025 State Board of Education meeting, the board approved a motion directing the Department of Education and Early Development to release the proposed regulation change for public comment.
- The Department posted the proposed regulation change for public comment on June 20, 2025, with the comment period closing on July 25, 2025.
- More than 600 responses were received from stakeholders during the public comment period.
- The definition for “local contribution” for the purposes of the public education funding formula in AS 14.17 is proposed to be amended to align with the federal definition of “current expenditures” used by the impact aid program disparity test.
- Written public comments received can be found behind this cover memo.
- Heather Heineken, Director of Finance & Support Services, and Lori Weed, School Finance Manager, will be available to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 11A.

Register _____, _____ 2025 EDUCATION AND EARLY DEV.

4 AAC 09 is amended by adding a new section to Article 3 to read:

4 AAC 09.985. Permissible local contribution appropriations and in-kind services. In

AS 14.17, a local contribution is limited to appropriations or in-kind services that are consistent with 20 U.S.C. 7713(4) or 34 C.F.R. 222.161(c)(1). (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 14.07.060 AS 14.17.920 AS 14.17.990
AS 14.17.410

4 AAC 09.990(b) is amended to read:

(b) In the definition of "local contribution" in AS 14.17.990,

[(1) "APPROPRIATIONS" MEANS MONEY APPROPRIATED TO A
DISTRICT'S SCHOOL OPERATING FUND BY THE CITY OR BOROUGH;
(2)] "value of in-kind services" means the documented fair market value of services
[INSURANCE, UTILITIES, ENERGY, AUDITS, AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES]
provided at no charge to a district by the city or borough [AS REPORTED IN THE DISTRICT'S
SCHOOL OPERATING FUND]. (Eff. 7/22/99, Register 151; am 10/8/99, Register 152; am
12/2/2000, Register 156; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am ____/____/_____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 14.03.040 AS 14.17.430 AS 14.20.010
AS 14.07.060 AS 14.17.920 Sec. 40, ch. 83, SLA 1998

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 20205

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item:6B

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve the revised Early Education Program Standards (AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A)) and associated regulations.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The Alaska Reads Act was adopted in 2022, which included the Early Education Program Standards AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A) and took effect July 1, 2023.
- In June 2024, HB148 passed. HB148 removes a phrase from AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A). The language “meet Head Start Program Performance Standards” was removed.
- In fall of 2024, the Early Learning team created a crosswalk to reflect alignment with either Title 1 and/or NAEYC (federal standards).
- The draft proposed changes include the crosswalk, Alaska Statutory requirements, and requirements unique to Alaska’s needs.
- On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the Early Learning Team hosted a Zoom informational webinar with stakeholders outlining the proposed changes. Stakeholders gave feedback through a survey that opened on December 10, 2024 and closed on December 20, 2024.
- Based on the feedback received, the proposed changes move current Standard II, Social and Emotional Support, and current Standard VIII, Coaching, to a new supplemental section of the Early Education Program Standards that are not required for formula funding EEP-.5 ADM application.
- There was no public comment on the updated standards and associated regulations.

◆ OPTIONS

This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 11B.

Register _____, _____ 2025 EDUCATION AND EARLY DEV.

4 AAC 60.190(b) is amended to read:

(b) The standards for a high-quality early education program provided by a district-wide early education program, as set out in the department's publication *Alaska Early Education Program Standards*, dated **January 2025** [APRIL 2023], are adopted by reference.

4 AAC 60.190(c) is amended to read:

(c) A school district that complies with (a) and (b) of this section may adapt **an** [ITS] early **education** [LEARNING] program to align with the cultural values and customs of the district community. (Eff. 7/1/2023, Register 247; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 14.07.020 AS 14.07.165 AS 14.17.180
AS 14.07.060 **AS 14.07.180**

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 7

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to provide provisional state approval of the Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) through June 30, 2029.

This document is an updated version of the original briefing provided to the board. It reflects the most current information regarding UAA's program development, accreditation timeline, and state approval request.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The University of Alaska Anchorage's Master of Science in School Psychology-Specialist program has been designed to meet workforce needs for School Psychologists in Alaska by preparing graduates to provide assessment, intervention, consultation, and mental health services in Alaska schools.
- Alaska is currently experiencing a significant workforce shortage of school psychologists. The state's current ratio is approximately 1 school psychologist per 1,660 children and youth, which is more than three times higher than the recommended ratio of 1:500 as advised by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). 9 out of 54 Alaska school districts rely on contractual workers to provide services.
- In Alaska, the certification requirements for special service providers, including school psychologists, are governed by 4 AAC 12.355 of the Alaska Administrative Code. For the "school psychology" endorsement, the applicant must be recommended for endorsement by an institution whose psychology program has been approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the National Association of School Psychologists, or the American Psychological Association.
 - o [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\) standards](#)
- Master of Science in School Psychology-Specialist program accreditation timeline:
 - o July 2025 - Submit for Candidacy Status
 - o September 2028 - Submit for Full Accreditation
 - o April 2029 - NASP complete site visit
 - o June 2029 - NASP informs program of decision
- The following items can be found behind cover memo
 - o UAA's Request for Provisional Approval (updated)

- Jenny McNulty, PhD, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Hattie Harvey, PhD, Professor of Psychology & School Psychology Program Director will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

- Approve University of Alaska Anchorage's request for provisional state approval of its Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval.
- Approve UAA's Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval with conditions.
- Deny UAA's Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval.
- Seek more information.
- This is a work session item. Action will take place under Agenda Item 12

To: Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development

From: UAA School Psychology Program

Date: June 13, 2025

The primary goal of the new UAA MS in School Psychology – Specialist program is to fulfill a documented workforce need in Alaska for School Psychologists. Alaska is one of two states that does not have an in-state training program. The training program is committed to supporting state residents with a pathway to become licensed school psychologists who are prepared to support the unique needs of Alaska's schools.

We are providing an updated packet based upon feedback from the June 3-4 meeting of the Board. Based on that feedback, adjustments were made to both the program catalog copy and to 7 program courses.



Educator Preparation Provider

Request for Conditional State Approval

Directions

Educator Preparation Providers wishing to gain conditional state approval from the Alaska State School Board to prepare educators in the state of Alaska need to complete the following steps:

- 1) Send an email requesting your program be considered for conditional state approval at a regular meeting of the Alaska State School Board to the Commissioner of the Department of Education & Early Development at deed.commissioner@alaska.gov and the Teacher Education & Certification Administrator at colleen.walker@alaska.gov.

The regular meeting schedule can be found at [https://education.alaska.gov/State Board](https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board). The commissioner's office will let you know if your preferred meeting time is available and will work with you to determine another meeting time if necessary.

- 2) No later than 45 days before the scheduled regular meeting, email the information outlined in the packet requirements on page two and three to both the commissioner and the teacher certification offices via the emails provided above. All documents submitted must be accessible.

If you have any questions about requesting conditional state approval, please contact Colleen Walker, colleen.walker@alaska.gov.

Changes or additions are noted in the following sections:

1. P 6 - 8 – NASP Domains
2. P 13 – Admission Requirements
3. P 14-15 – Course Sequence
4. Appendix A – two additional letters of support included from the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education and the Alaska School Psychology Advisory Board.
5. Appendix B – Sample of Course Syllabi updated

Alaska Educator Preparation Providers

Packet Requirements

1) General Information

- a. Name of Institution of Higher Education (IHE): University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)
- b. CHEA recognized accreditation organization: National Association of School Psychologists
- c. Accreditation date: Anticipated NASP Candidacy Status Submission – August 1, 2025; NASP Full Accreditation Submission – September 15, 2028
- d. Date of next accreditation visit: Anticipated Site Visit Spring 2029
- e. Address: 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508
- f. Program Lead: Hattie Harvey
- g. Email: haharvey@alaska.edu
- h. Phone Number: 907-786-4464

2) Overview/Rationale:

Program Overview. The Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist is designed to fill the existing gap in what is currently offered in the State of Alaska. Currently the State of Alaska has no in-state training program for School Psychology. The MS in School Psychology - Specialist is a 63-credit degree. A minimum of 60-credits at the Specialist level is the requirement for school psychology licensure. Graduates will gain knowledge and expertise in effective, evidence-based, and culturally informed assessment, intervention, consultation, and mental health practices that promote the well-being of all children and youth. The program will be available primarily online with some in-person learning to meet national accreditation standards and student learning outcomes. Both full-time or part-time pathways will be available. The program is designed for both new graduates of baccalaureate degrees in related fields, as well as for current educators employed in school districts. To document the gap, UAA collected and analyzed data from multiple sources.

National Association of School Psychologists. Alaska is one of two states that does not have an in-state training program for School Psychology. According to the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) state shortages data dashboard (<https://www.nasponline.org/about-school-psychology/state-shortages-data-dashboard>), **Alaska's ratio of school psychologists was one school psychologist for every 1,662 children and youth, with the recommendation of one to every 500 children and youth (NASP, n.d.).** School districts across the state are challenged to fill school psychology positions, with only 9 of the 54 school districts employing school psychologists, while the remainder rely on contractual services most often supplied by providers in the lower 48. The program would not be in competition with any other program in the state.

Stakeholder Surveys. Three different stakeholder needs assessment surveys were completed in Fall 2023 - one for School District Special Education Administrators, one for practicing Alaska-based School

Psychologists, and one for UAA students (Harvey & Russell, 2023). The needs assessments were designed both to gather information about workforce needs and to inform program/curriculum development. Based on data collected from the survey for Special Education Administrators, 66% ($n=23$) of school district administrators reported they do not have enough school psychologists; 12 rural districts responded that they were “definitely” interested in employing a school psychologist if one were available. Responses from school psychologists representing eight of the nine districts which employ school psychologists overwhelmingly (94%, $n = 41$) indicated that their school district does not have enough school psychologists to fill their positions. As one example, the Anchorage School District employs the largest number of school psychologists (48), and there has been only one year in the last 10 in which all the school psychologist positions were filled.

3) **Support:**

Stakeholder Involvement

Community-based program development. The faculty used a community-based approach in the development of the program, and input from multiple stakeholder groups was sought and incorporated in the design of the program. This included a newly developed Statewide School Psychology Program Advisory Board ($n=15$); results from three stakeholder statewide survey (i.e., Special Education Administrators, School Psychologists, and UAA students); and results from a stakeholder focus group and from three parent focus groups ($n=30$).

School Psychology Program Advisory Board. A community advisory board specific to this new program was established in August 2023. The Board is comprised of a Special Education Director (Nome), the Anchorage School District Senior Director of Mental Health and Student Supports, eight practicing Alaska School Psychologists representing Anchorage, Kenai, Matsu, Fairbanks, and Arctic Northwest, two School Psychology Higher Education faculty (outside Alaska), a Superintendent (Kenai), the President of the Alaska School Psychologist Association, a parent of a child with disabilities, and the Project Officer from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. The advisory board provided input into the mission and vision of the program, informed key programmatic decisions (i.e., course offerings days/times), supported statewide outreach, and provided letters of support for grant funding applications.

Stakeholder Statewide Surveys. The three stakeholder surveys (noted above) informed programmatic and curriculum decisions (e.g., course time offerings, curriculum content, critical competencies, field placement planning, etc). Survey #1 for Special Education Administrators was distributed to all 54 Special Education Directors and Superintendents in Alaska, which resulted in a participation of 34 individuals who represented 20 of the 54 school districts. Survey #2 for School Psychologists was distributed to School Psychologists in districts that are known to employ school psychologists (i.e., Anchorage, Kenai, Kodiak, MatSu Valley, and Fairbanks) and resulted in participation of 50 Alaska-based School Psychologists. Survey #3 for Students was distributed to all undergraduate students in the UAA system through a student listserv and resulted in participation of 106 students who represented 23 majors. Results overwhelmingly indicated a need for school psychologists and an interest from multiple districts to provide practicum and internship opportunities.

Stakeholder focus group. The faculty interviewed a focus group that consisted of a variety of school district representatives who have knowledge of school psychological services (i.e., SPED Directors [n=2], educators [n=5], School Psychologists [n=7], other Administrator roles [n=2]) who represented school districts in Anchorage, Nome, Kenai, Valdez, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su Valley. The results of the focus group indicated a need for school psychologists who have training in the areas of behavioral health, crisis prevention and response, MTSS, and trauma-informed practices. The focus group also helped to provide suggestions for logistical planning for field-based experiences and supervision needs.

Family focus groups. The faculty also interviewed three family focus groups, recruited and stratified by representation across the five major regions, which included Far North (n=5), Interior (n=5), Southcentral (n=5), Southeast (n=5), and Southwest (n=5). Successes included an overwhelming response from caregivers of children who utilized special education services in Alaska (n=723). The large response rate posed an initial challenge of selection for the focus groups. This was solved by a follow up form (n=417) asking for more demographic information to select an equal distribution of participants across Alaska. A third focus group and survey (n=93) were also added to provide an opportunity for all interested caregivers to share their experiences. Results from the focus groups and survey data were invaluable for including family voice within the curriculum (e.g., PSY 618: School Psychology Assessment; PSY 662: Consultation and Collaboration) and to ensure an emphasis on family-centered competencies of future trainees as reflected in course student learning outcomes and in the program's assessment plan.

Letters of Support

The four letters of support included in the packet (see Appendix A) intentionally represent a range of constituents across the state of Alaska - the Anchorage School District, the Alaska Superintendents Association, Nome Public Schools, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Long-Term Fiscal Plan

Tables for revenue, expenditures, and net income are presented below followed by a brief narrative.

Revenue

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time
New Funding Request								
Available Funding (MHT)		200,000		200,000		200,000		
Tuition/Fees		110,808		207,211		291,082		364,049
Other (Federal)		750,000 500,000						
Total Revenue		1,560,808		407,211		491,082		364,049

Expenditures

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time	On-going	One-time
Personnel	64,823		214,931		229,668		229,668	
Operations	5,500	120,000	5,500	40,000	10,000		10,000	
Facilities /Equipment		950,000						
Total Expenditures	70,323	1,070,000	220,431	40,000	239,669	0	239,668	0

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Net Income (Deficit)	(70,323)	490,808	(220,431)	367,211	(239,668)	491,082	(239,669)	364,049
	420,485*		146,780		251,414		124,381	

**A portion of this balance could, if needed, carry forward to help with starting costs in Years 2 & 3 if enrollment does not grow as fast as predicted.*

Fiscal Narrative. The projected budget combines funding from 4 sources: use of 9 existing courses already taught as part of other programs, a multi-year commitment from the Alaska Mental Health Trust (MHT), two federal appropriations, and anticipated tuition revenues. The MHT provided funding to support creation of the program and has committed to funding 3-4 years of startup costs. The earmarks include \$750,000 for program development and startup costs, and another \$500,000 to expand and renovate facilities used for in-person clinical experiences to accommodate the new program.

On the expense side, because all faculty in the department contribute to multiple programs, only a fractional amount of each faculty member's salary and benefits is included in the table above. As cohorts move through the program, we will begin offering the 10 new courses in a rotation, keeping class sizes healthy and minimizing instructional costs.

4) Program Standards:

The UAA Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist program intentionally is designed to align with the [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\) Professional Standards \(2020\)](#). These national standards guide graduate education, credentialing, professional practice and services, and ethical behavior of school psychologists. The standards clearly outline requirements for NASP program accreditation which covers five primary areas: (a) program context and structure, (b) content knowledge, (c) supervised field experiences, (d) performance-based program assessment and accountability, and (e) program support and resources.

All course content and experiences are built around the [NASP 10 Domains of Practice](#) (see Figure 1 below), which include: 1) Data-based Decision Making, 2) Consultation and Collaboration, 3) Academic Interventions and Supports, 4) Mental and Behavioral Health Services, 5) School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning, 6) Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools, 7) Family, School, and Community Collaboration, 8) Equitable Practices for Diverse Populations, 9) Research and Evidence-based Practice, and 10) Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice.



Figure 1: NASP Practice Model

Below a table is provided which outlines the primary courses that address each domain. Although each course's student learning outcomes address multiple domains, NASP accreditation requires programs to identify 2-3 primary courses per domain. PSY 695E (Internship) addresses all domains. Following the table, a description of each domain is provided (these descriptions are verbatim from NASP and cannot be changed by the program), and candidates are assessed on each domain of practice throughout coursework and applied field experiences.

NASP Domain	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3
1. Data-Based Decision Making	PSY 618: School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents	PSY 619: School Psychology Assessment II: Academic and Cognitive Assessment	PSY 613: School-Based Behavioral Assessment
2. Consultation and Collaboration	PSY 661: Consultation and Collaboration with Schools, Families, and Communities	PSY 663: Academic Supports and Interventions	
3. Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports	EDSE 622: Curriculum and Strategies II: High Incidence	PSY 663: Academic Supports and Interventions	
4. Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions	PSY 662: School-Based Mental Health and Counseling	PSY 691: Children's Mental Health Systems of Care	PSY 638: Child Clinical Psychology

5. School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning	PSY 608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in the Field of School Psychology	PSY 662: School-Based Mental Health and Counseling	PSY 663 Academic Interventions
6. Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools	PSY 662: School-Based Mental Health and Counseling	PSY 621: School Crisis Prevention, Intervention, and Response	PSY 608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in the Field of School Psychology
7. Family, School, and Community Collaboration	PSY 661: Consultation and Collaboration with Schools, Families, and Communities	PSY 691: Children's Mental Health Systems of Care	
8. Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations	EDL 620: Leadership in Alaska Culture and Schools	PSY 618: School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents	PSY 608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in the Field of School Psychology
9. Research and Evidence-Based Practice	PSY 609: Research Methods in School Psychology	PSY A610 Single Subject Research Designs	
10. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice	PSY 615: School Psychology in a Global Society: Laws, Ethics, and Professionalism	PSY 695D School Psychology Practicum	PSY 659E School Psychology Internship

Domain 1: Data-Based Decision Making

School psychologists understand and utilize assessment methods for identifying strengths and needs; developing effective interventions, services, and programs; and measuring progress and outcomes within a multitiered system of supports. School psychologists use a problem-solving framework as the basis for all professional activities. School psychologists systematically collect data from multiple sources as a foundation for decision-making at the individual, group, and systems levels, and they consider ecological factors (e.g., classroom, family, and community characteristics) as a context for assessment and intervention.

Domain 2: Consultation and Collaboration

School psychologists understand varied models and strategies of consultation and collaboration applicable to individuals, families, groups, and systems, as well as methods to promote effective implementation of services. As part of a systematic and comprehensive process of effective decision making and problem solving that permeates all aspects of service delivery, school psychologists demonstrate skills to consult, collaborate, and communicate effectively with others.

Domain 3: Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports

School psychologists understand the biological, cultural, and social influences on academic skills; human learning, cognitive, and developmental processes; and evidence-based curricula and instructional strategies. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, use assessment and data

collection methods to implement and evaluate services that support academic skill development in children.

Domain 4: Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions

School psychologists understand the biological, cultural, developmental, and social influences on mental and behavioral health, behavioral and emotional impacts on learning, and evidence-based strategies to promote social–emotional functioning. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, design, implement, and evaluate services that promote resilience and positive behavior, support socialization and adaptive skills, and enhance mental and behavioral health.

Domain 5: School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning

School psychologists understand systems structures, organization, and theory; general and special education programming; implementation science; and evidence-based, school-wide practices that promote learning, positive behavior, and mental health. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, develop and implement practices and strategies to create and maintain safe, effective, and supportive learning environments for students and school staff.

Domain 6: Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools

School psychologists understand principles and research related to social–emotional well-being, resilience and risk factors in learning, mental and behavioral health, services in schools and communities to support multitiered prevention and health promotion, and evidence-based strategies for creating safe and supportive schools. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, promote preventive and responsive services that enhance learning, mental and behavioral health, and psychological and physical safety and implement effective crisis prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Domain 7: Family, School, and Community Collaboration

School psychologists understand principles and research related to family systems, strengths, needs, and cultures; evidence-based strategies to support positive family influences on children’s learning and mental health; and strategies to develop collaboration between families and schools. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, design, implement, and evaluate services that respond to culture and context. They facilitate family and school partnerships and interactions with community agencies to enhance academic and social–behavioral outcomes for children.

Domain 8: Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations (this is verbatim from NASP)

School psychologists have knowledge of individual differences, abilities, disabilities, and other diverse characteristics and the impact they have on development and learning. They also understand principles and research related to diversity in children, families, schools, and communities, including factors related to child development, religion, culture and cultural identity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, and other variables. School psychologists implement

evidence-based strategies to enhance services in both general and special education and address potential influences related to diversity. School psychologists demonstrate skills to provide professional services that promote effective functioning for individuals, families, and schools with diverse characteristics, cultures, and backgrounds through an ecological lens across multiple contexts. School psychologists recognize that equitable practices for diverse student populations, respect for diversity in development and learning, and advocacy for social justice are foundational to effective service delivery. While equality ensures that all children have the same access to general and special educational opportunities, equity ensures that each student receives what they need to benefit from these opportunities.

Domain 9: Research and Evidence-Based Practice

School psychologists have knowledge of research design, statistics, measurement, and varied data collection and analysis techniques sufficient for understanding research, interpreting data, and evaluating programs in applied settings. As scientist practitioners, school psychologists evaluate and apply research as a foundation for service delivery and, in collaboration with others, use various techniques and technology resources for data collection, measurement, and analysis to support effective practices at the individual, group, and/or systems levels.

Domain 10: Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice

School psychologists have knowledge of the history and foundations of school psychology; multiple service models and methods; ethical, legal, and professional standards; and other factors related to professional identity and effective practice as school psychologists. School psychologists provide services consistent with ethical, legal, and professional standards; engage in responsive ethical and professional decision-making; collaborate with other professionals; and apply professional work characteristics needed for effective practice as school psychologists, including effective interpersonal skills, responsibility, adaptability, initiative, dependability, technological competence, advocacy skills, respect for human diversity, and a commitment to social justice and equity.

5) Benchmark assessments:

The program employs a variety of methods to assess candidate knowledge, skills, and professional work characteristics consistent with the NASP Practice Model, including results on the Praxis licensing exam, course-embedded methods, practicum and intern evaluations, and performance-based products that include assessment of the impact of services on children and youth, families, and schools.

All coursework is intentionally scaffolded and requires successful completion of prerequisite coursework. During Year 1, two key benchmarks are included. Candidates must successfully complete PSY 618 (Assessment I) with a B or better to enroll in PSY 619 (Assessment II). Similarly, candidates must successfully complete PSY 619 prior to enrollment in the practicum course (PSY 695D) and pass practicum to apply for internship (PSY 695E). Two additional key benchmarks occur during practicum and internship and include formative and summative performance-based evaluations by program

faculty and field-based supervisors (an example of the internship performance-based evaluation is included with the sample syllabi in Appendix B).

A description of the required assessments (#1 - 6), their implementation, and alignment with the NASP 10 Domains of Practice are summarized below. These are aligned with the NASP Professional Standards for Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists (2020) and are specifically required for accreditation.

Measure	Description	Frequency/ Start Date	Collection Method	NASP Domains Address
Assessment #1: Content Knowledge: Praxis II Exam in School Psychology	A nationally normed exam required for program accreditation and state certification. This 140-question exam is designed to measure knowledge and skills needed for entry-level school psychology practice in an educational setting. Passing scores of 147 as set by the National Association of School Psychologists, which is utilized by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for certificate eligibility.	Exam is taken during internship semester and prior to graduation.	Taken at a ETS Testing Center; scores are sent to UAA Dept of Psychology Descriptive statistics & % of passing score by cohort	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
Assessment #2: Content Knowledge: Course Grades (Required)	Aggregated and disaggregated course grades for all required coursework by NASP Domains 1-10	Course Grades: collected and compiled at end of each semester	Grades from Banner	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10
Assessment #3: Practica Assessment: Professional Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions during <u>practica</u> (a) Field Supervision Practicum Evaluation (b) Professional Competency Self-Assessment	Practica assessment is completed by the school-based supervisor and includes a rating scale and narrative summary of the student's ability to plan and carry out school psychological services during practica. Assessment includes evaluation of services in a) data-based decision making, including psychoeducational assessment with recommendations; (b) the design, implementation, and evaluation of services that support cognitive and academic skills; (c) the design, implementation, and evaluation of services that support socialization, behavioral and mental health, and emotional well-being.	Completed 2x during YR 2 practicum course: <i>only final scores are reported for Assessment Plan and to NASP</i>	Completed by field supervisor; submitted to online data collection system Completed by student; submitted to online data collection system	1,3,4,10

Assessment #4: Intern Evaluation: Pedagogical and Professional Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions: Intern Evaluation (a) Field Supervision Intern Evaluation (b) Professional Competency Self-Assessment	Intern evaluation assessment is completed by the school-based supervisor and includes a rating scale and narrative summary that includes assessment of the candidates' knowledge, skills, and professional work characteristics/dispositions are applied effectively in practice during internship. Includes each NASP domain (Standard 2, Domains 1-10) Report both aggregated and disaggregated data by NASP Domains 1-10	Completed 2x during YR 3 - Fall and Spring	Completed by intern field supervisor; submitted to online data collection system Completed by student; submitted to online data collection system	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9,10
Assessment #5: Performance-based Assessment: Pedagogical and Professional Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions: Comprehensive Performance-based Assessment ePortfolio	Assessment of performance involves comprehensive, performance-based assessment of candidate abilities. Students complete a cumulative ePortfolio in which they present and reflect on artifacts that document their attainment of the knowledge, values, and skills in each of the 10 NASP Domains.	Submission end of YR 3	Student submission evaluated by SP faculty using SP ePortfolio Rubric	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9,10
Assessment #6: Positive Impact on Student Learning: Academic/Cognitive Case Study & Behavior Case Study	Assessment of impact on student learning demonstrates that candidates can integrate domains of knowledge and apply professional skills in delivering a comprehensive range of services evidenced by measurable positive impact on children, youth, families, and other consumers demonstrated during internship. Students complete an academic /cognitive case study and a behavioral case study at the individual or group/class level.	Completed during YR 3 internship	Student submission evaluated by SP faculty using NASP Case Study Rubric	1,3,4,8

6) Expectations & Experience:

a. Candidate Entry Criteria and Benchmarks

Admissions Criteria

Applicants must meet the [UAA Admission Requirements for Graduate Degrees](#). This includes a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited, formerly known as regionally accredited, institution in the United States or a foreign equivalent and a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Students who expect to receive their baccalaureate degree within two semesters may also apply for graduate admission. All students applying to the Graduate School for master's programs must submit official

transcripts showing completion and conferral of all baccalaureate degrees and any transcripts reflecting graduate-level courses.

Applicants must complete adequate prerequisite coursework at the time of the application or demonstrate a plan for completing prerequisite coursework. Prerequisite courses include one course in each of the following three areas: (1) child or human development, (2) learning or cognition, and (3) tests and measurement. Note that the learning or cognition course will be waived for applicants with a valid teaching certificate.

Applicants must apply using the UAA graduate application through the [UAA Application portal](#) by February 1 for fall admission. Applicant materials include:

- Personal goal statement should address (a) why they are seeking a degree in school psychology, (b) previous work with children and/or youth and families in school or community-based settings, (c) their reasons for selecting the Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at UAA with reference to the program's mission and vision, and (d) reference to place-based and location preferences for field work if applicable.
- Resume/CV that documents the applicant's vocational and professional experiences with children and/or families, academic achievements, research accomplishments or special projects, recognitions, and other information relevant to the applicant's qualifications for the program.
- Two letters of reference that address the applicant's suitability for the program and prior work in school or community settings with children, youth, or families. The program values academic excellence, a strong commitment to comprehensive school psychology services **equity and justice**, interpersonal skills (e.g., clear communication, effective collaboration), intrapersonal skills (e.g., reflection, adaptability), professional behaviors (e.g., reliability, ability to receive feedback), ethical decision-making, and sound reasoning. Applicants are asked to seek recommendations from those who can offer a recent and professional assessment of their knowledge, skills, and behaviors in these areas (e.g., direct supervisors, professors).
- Official academic transcripts of prior undergraduate and graduate coursework (if applicable).

Applicants are reviewed by program faculty using a 5-point scale rubric on 15 items which are summarized into the following five categories: (1) Transcripts (10 points); (2) Personal Goal Statement (25 points); (3) Resume/CV (20 points); (4) Letters of Reference (15 points); and (5) Overall Impressions (5 points). Select applicants are invited for a Zoom interview, which consists of seven formal questions, and is scored on a 4-point scale for a total of 25 points. Using the rubric scores, the ratio of full-time to part-time applicants, and overall fit with the program will inform admissions decisions.

b. Required Coursework and Training Requirements

All coursework and training requirements follow the NASP Professional Standards (2020) for Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists as well as with the State of Alaska Code of Ethics of the Education

Profession, 20 AAC 10.020. Here we briefly outline program requirements followed by coursework and graduation requirements. Sample course syllabi are included at the end of the packet (Appendix B).

Program Requirements

- Complete an [initial background check](#) from the Alaska Department of Health in the first semester of enrollment for placement in course-based and clinical field experiences.
- Complete online [Mandatory Trainings for teacher certification as outlined by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development](#) by the end of the first year.
- Comply with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Principles for Professional Ethics and the UAA Code of Student Conduct throughout the program. These are evaluated as part of coursework and field experiences.
- Attend an on-campus 2-day orientation during the week prior to the start of classes.
- Attend one on-campus weekend per fall and spring semesters, and an on-campus summer intensive as part of the expected program requirements.
- Complete course-based field placements, a 300-hour practicum, and 1,200 hour internship in a school setting in accordance with the [Standards for Graduate Preparation of School Psychologists](#).

Coursework and Graduation Requirements

- Complete the [General University Requirements for Graduate Degrees](#).
- Pass the Praxis School Psychology test with a minimum score of 147. The test is based on the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services (2020) and is designed for candidates seeking licensure or certification as school psychologists in educational settings.
- Complete a comprehensive portfolio with a minimum of Meets Standards as rated by the program faculty.
- Successfully complete all required coursework outlined in the table below

Full-Time			
Year 1	Fall	Spring	Summer
	PSY A600: Strategies of Behavior Change (3 crs.) PSY A608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in School Psychology^ (3 crs.) PSY A609: Research Methods in School Psychology (3 crs.)	PSY A618: School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents* (3 crs.) EDSE A622: High-Incidence Disabilities (3 crs.) PSY A638: Child Clinical Psychology (3 crs.) PSY A610: Single-Subject Research Designs (3 crs.)	PSY A619: School Psychology Assessment II: Cognitive and Academic Assessment^ (4 crs) PSY A691: Children's Mental Health Systems of Care (3 crs.)

	PSY A615: School Psychology in a Global Society: Law, Ethics, and Professionalism (3 crs.)		
Year 2	<p>PSY A695D: School Psychology Practicum^ (2 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A661: Consultation and Collaboration w Schools, Families and Communities^* (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A613: Behavioral Assessment^ (3 crs.)</p> <p>Elective (Choose one) (3 crs.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY A647: Behavioral Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders • PSY A611Y: Assessment in Preschool Education^ • EDSE A612: Low Incidence^ • Research: elective or PSY A699: Thesis 	<p>PSY A695D: School Psychology Practicum^ (2 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A662: School-Based Mental Health and Counseling^* (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A663: Academic Interventions (3 crs.)</p> <p>Elective (Choose one) (3 crs.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY A655: Interventions for Challenging Behavior • PSY A623Y: Interventions in Preschool Special Education • SPED elective (advisor approved) • Research: elective or PSY A699: Thesis 	<p>EDL A620: Leadership in Alaska Cultural and Schools (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A621: Crisis Response, Prevention, and Intervention in Schools (3 crs.)</p>
Year 3	PSY A695E: School Psychology Internship^ (2 crs.)	PSY A695E: School Psychology Internship^ (2 crs.)	

Part-Time			
Year 1	Fall	Spring	Summer
	<p>PSY A608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in School Psychology^ (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A615: School Psychology in a Global Society: Law, Ethics, and Professionalism (3 crs.)</p>	<p>PSY A618: School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents* (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A638: Child Clinical Psychology (3 crs.)</p>	<p>PSY A619: School Psychology Assessment II: Cognitive and Academic Assessment^ (4 crs)</p>
Year 2	<p>PSY A600: Strategies of Behavior Change (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A609: Research Methods in School Psychology (3 crs.)</p>	<p>EDSE A622: High-Incidence Disabilities (3 crs.)</p> <p>PSY A610: Single-Subject Research Designs (3 crs.)</p>	<p>PSY A621: Crisis Response, Prevention, and Intervention in Schools (3 crs.)</p>
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	PSY A613: Behavioral Assessment^ (3 crs.)	PSY A663: Academic Interventions (3 crs.)	
Year 4	PSY A695D: School Psychology Practicum^ (2 crs.) Elective (Choose one) (3 crs.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY A647: Behavioral Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders • PSY A611Y: Assessment in Preschool Education^ • EDSE A612: Low Incidence^ • Research: elective or PSY A699: Thesis 	PSY A695D: School Psychology Practicum^ (2 crs.) Elective (Choose one) (3 crs.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY A655: Interventions for Challenging Behavior • PSY A623Y: Interventions in Preschool Special Education • SPED elective (advisor approved) • Research: elective or PSY A699: Thesis 	EDL A620: Leadership in Alaska Cultural and Schools (3 crs.)
Year 5	PSY A695E: School Psychology Internship^ (2 crs.)	PSY A695E: School Psychology Internship^ (2 crs.)	

*indicates on-campus weekend

^ indicates required field experience

c. Delivery Options

The program is offered primarily through distance delivery with four required on-campus learning experiences. Nineteen of the 20 courses are offered via distance delivery - 16 through synchronous web conferencing and three through asynchronous delivery (EDSE A622: High-Incidence Disabilities, EDSE A612 -Low Incidence Disabilities, PSY A609- Research Methods in School Psychology). Students are required to attend a total of three on-campus weekends associated with specific courses (i.e., PSY A618 - Assessment I, PSY A661 - Consultation and Collaboration, PSY A663 - Academic Interventions). One course, *PSY A619: Applications of Culturally Responsive Assessment*, requires on-campus attendance for a 5-week summer session (M-Th) in Year 1.

d. Student Teaching Expectations (Field Experiences)

The program ensures that all candidates complete supervised and sequenced practica and internship experiences consistent with program goals and objectives. The program includes clinical field experiences that allow candidates to develop, practice, demonstrate, and reflect upon evidence-based practices in a graduated manner that increases in complexity. All supervised field experiences will follow the requirements as outlined in NASP Standards for Graduate Preparation Standard 3.

Course Embedded Fieldwork Experiences (75 hours): Five courses in the School Psychology Program include a requirement of 15-hours of field experience. Activities during course embedded fieldwork are linked to specific assignments associated with the course and all require a log of time and activities.

Practicum (300 hours): All students complete *PSY A695D School Psychology Practicum*, a year-long structured practicum experience. PSY A695D is taken in both the fall and spring semesters, for an accumulated total of 300 hours completed over the course of the school year. The supervised practica experience is based on program goals and NASP graduate preparation standards. At a minimum, activities must include opportunities to build professional competencies in (a) data-based decision making, including psychoeducational assessment with recommendations; (b) the design, implementation, and evaluation of services that support cognitive and academic skills; and (c) the design, implementation, and evaluation of services that support socialization, behavioral and mental health, and emotional well-being (e.g., counseling, behavior analysis and intervention).

Internship (1,200 hours): In the final year of the program, all students complete *PSY A695E School Psychology Internship* which requires at-least 1,200 hours across a minimum of 1 school year. This experience requires full time placement in a school setting. The program requires a comprehensive, supervised, and carefully evaluated internship in school psychology that includes all components based on program goals and NASP graduate preparation standards. This includes, as examples, participation in an advanced seminar each semester, a written agreement that specifies the period of the internship appointment and any terms of compensation for the intern; similar support services for the intern as provided to the agency school psychologist; provision for the intern's participation in continued professional development. The internship requires that each intern receive appropriate and regularly scheduled field-based supervision as outlined by the NASP graduate preparation standards. This includes supervision by a licensed school psychologist and at least weekly, individual, face-to-face field-based supervision with structured mentoring focused on the intern's attainment of competencies. Field-based internship supervision must additionally meet the following minimum criteria: an average of at least 2 hours of supervision per full-time week.

7) **Staffing & Program Capacity:**

Staffing Levels. Based on NASP Standards for Graduate Preparation (2020), the program must have faculty who are designated specifically as school psychology program faculty members and have teaching loads of at least three full-time equivalents (FTE). Full-time equivalent is defined as 100% of teaching load in the school psychology program or teaching load plus release time for directing the school psychology program and/or other responsibilities.

Minimum Faculty Qualifications. At least two school psychology program faculty members (including the program administrator) must hold doctoral degrees with specialization in school psychology and be actively engaged in school psychology (e.g., possess state and/or national credentials as school psychologists; have experience as school psychologists; participate in professional associations of school psychologists; contribute to research, scholarly publications, and presentations in school psychology). Other school psychology program faculty members, as relevant for the program, must

hold one of the following: (a) a specialist degree in school psychology and significant school-based experience (if allowed by the program's regional accrediting body and institution); or (b) a doctoral degree in psychology, education, or closely related discipline and formal preparation and expertise to teach/supervise in the content area they have been assigned in the graduate program.

Faculty Resumes. The UAA School Psychology program currently includes the following two faculty: (1) Dr. Hattie Harvey, Professor of School Psychology and Program Director who holds a PhD in School Psychology, an Alaska Type K Advanced Special Services - School Psychologist and is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP); and (2) Dr. Anastasiia Iun, an Assistant Professor of School Psychology who holds a PhD in Combined Clinical-School Psychology and the NCSP. CVs are included (see Appendix C).

The program recently hired two additional faculty with start dates of August 2025: (1) Dr. Rachel Chidsey-Brown, an Associate Professor who holds their PhD in School Psychology, their Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) endorsement, and their Alaska Type C - Special Services School Psychology endorsement; and (2) Dr. Jennifer Knutson, a Term Assistant Professor who holds a PhD in School Psychology and their Alaska Type C - Special Services School Psychology endorsement. CVs are included (see Appendix C).

Staff Assessment Training. Assessments described in #5 above are all required components of NASP Accreditation. Assessment #1 (Praxis II) is a nationally normed licensing exam, so no additional training is necessary. Students complete the exam at an ETS testing center and scores are sent to the University program. Assessment #2 (course grades) are reported by individual program faculty and can be obtained by the Program Directors from UAA Banner. Assessment #3 and #4 includes two components, the first (Professional Competency Self-Assessment) is a nationally utilized tool that has undergone a reliability and validity study; and the second (Practicum/Intern Field-Supervisor Evaluation) follows the recommendations of NASP for indicators of performance on a 5-point scale and has been found to be a valid indicator of candidate's readiness for independent practice at the culmination of internship. Assessment #5 (Performance-based Portfolio Assessment) will be utilized by all program faculty who will complete an evaluation of each candidate's portfolio and submit scores (using the recommended NASP 5-point scale) independently to obtain both interrater reliability and to determine consensus for a final rating among each domain of practice. Lastly, Assessment #6 (Case Studies) is evaluated by at least two program faculty using the NASP Case Study Rubric, which has undergone significant reliability and validity studies. It is required as part of accreditation.

Anticipated Enrollment and Graduates. Based on NASP Professional Standards (2020), the program's faculty-to-student ratio must be no greater than 1 to 12 in the overall program and in instructionally intensive courses containing a significant supervision component. The program anticipates accepting up to 15 qualified candidates per cohort based on full-time equivalency. Students may apply for a full-time or part-time track, thus the numbers may vary depending on the track. As one example, the

program may admit 10 full-time candidates and 10 part-time candidates. The program estimates to graduate the following within the next five years, assuming a 90% or more retention, as the NASP Standards for Graduate Education outline specific measures to ensure highest retention possible:

- Spring 2028 - 10 graduates who enrolled in the full-time track
- Spring 2029 - 10 graduates who enrolled in the full-time track
- Spring 2030 - 10 graduates who enrolled in the full-time track + 10 part-time graduates

8) Accreditation & Continuous improvement:

Program Accreditation

The program aims to seek specialized accreditation through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as an accrediting organization. This will ensure quality assurance and provide a pathway for program graduates to apply for NASP's national certification. In following NASP requirements the program must first submit for and request Candidacy Status prior to submitting for full program accreditation, which requires submission of one cycle of data on a cohort of graduates. NASP provides two opportunities per year to submit for Candidacy Status. Thus, the following timeline is proposed including start up:

- Submit for NASP Candidacy Status August 1, 2025 (notification January 1, 2026)
- First cohort of full- and part-time candidates begin - Fall 2025
- First cohort of full-time candidates graduate - Spring 2028
- Submit for NASP Full Accreditation: Self-Study - September 15, 2028 (following graduates in Spring 2028) (notification January 1, 2029 for Site-Visit eligibility)
- Schedule Site-Visit by April 15, 2029
- Decision received by June 20, 2029

Continuous Improvement

The program developed an official Academic Assessment Plan, which was reviewed and approved up through the UAA Academic Assessment Committee of the Faculty Senate in December. UAA intentionally encourages programs with specialized accreditation to align their UAA approved assessment plan to their specialized accreditation continuous improvement requirements. Accordingly, the plan outlines how the program will conduct assessment on an annual basis, as per requirements of NASP and includes the following stages: 1) plan and set goals, 2) provide learning opportunities (implementation of coursework), 3) gather and compile evidence [based on Assessments described above], 4) discuss results and make recommendations, and 5) make program improvements by assessing impact.

A key aspect of program accountability is the assessment of candidate ability to provide, and evaluate the impact of direct and indirect services to children and youth, families, and schools. The School Psychology Faculty will be involved in the evaluation of candidate skill application (e.g., products such as individual, group, or system-wide case studies, program evaluations, and psychoeducational evaluations) both at the individual level based on course assignments, and as a

whole group based on the evaluation of the candidate's performance during practicum and internship and on their final portfolio. Use assessment results to evaluate and improve the program.

Annual assessment results are shared with the faculty, students, Program Director, College of Arts and Sciences Assessment Coordinator, and Dean. The dean provides feedback directly to the program, which is used by the program in considering next steps. All plans and reports are published on the UAA Academic Assessment Plans and Reports website. In addition, results are posted on the School Psychology website. The Program Accreditation Coordinator is also responsible for submitting required reporting for external accreditation with the National Association of School Psychologists.

In addition, annual assessment results will be shared and discussed with the Statewide School Psychology Advisory Board to ensure relevancy of the findings, consider improvements from stakeholder perspectives, and obtain feedback for program improvement.

9) **Presentation**

The presentation will be submitted in a separate email, within the 30-day period prior to the presentation.

Appendix A: Letters of Support

1. Anchorage School District
2. Nome Public Schools
3. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
4. Alaska State Superintendents Association
5. Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (new)
6. UAA School Psychology Program Advisory Board (new)



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January 7, 2025

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development Members,

On behalf of the Anchorage School District, I am writing to support the University of Alaska Anchorage's School Psychology program in seeking conditional approval through DEED, enabling program graduates to become eligible for their Alaska Provisional or Initial Type C Special Services – School Psychologist endorsement.

Currently, there is a statewide shortage of school psychologists, with the existing ratio of school psychologists to students (1:1600) significantly exceeding the recommended 1:500 ratio. In Anchorage, we are experiencing, and continue to anticipate, substantial shortages of school psychologists and school psychologist interns. As we strive to enhance and expand our multitiered systems of support and mental health services, we require personnel trained to implement these systems and address the mental health crisis affecting our state. Conditional approval from DEED would allow program graduates to obtain their Alaska Provisional or Initial Type C Special Services – School Psychologist endorsement, helping to bridge a critical workforce gap within the Anchorage School District (ASD).

The Anchorage School District strongly supports the new graduate-level school psychology training program as a means to increase the number of qualified and credentialed school psychologists prepared to deliver high-quality services in Alaska. This program is essential to meeting the workforce demands for school psychologists who possess the knowledge and skills to collaborate with families and school personnel to best serve children with high-intensity needs, including those facing significant mental health challenges. The ASD is partnering with the University of Alaska Anchorage to provide field experiences, mentorship for program scholars, and coordination of job placements. Program participants will gain valuable experience in high-poverty schools and contribute to improved behavioral practices, particularly for students with disabilities. Granting this conditional approval for certification is a vital step in supporting student services across school districts in Alaska.

Thank you for considering this request for conditional approval by DEED.

Sincerely,

Jharrett Bryantt, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Anchorage School District

Educating All Students for Success in Life

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March 19, 2024

Office of the Provost
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Dear Provost Runge,

The Nome School District strongly supports the development of new graduate school psychology training program in order to increase the number of qualified and credentialed school psychologists who are prepared to provide high-quality services in Alaska. Not only is there a state-wide shortage of school psychologists with the current ratio of school psychologists to students (1:1600) substantially higher than the recommended 1:500 ratio, but many rural school districts, including ours rely on contractual school psychological services. This grow-your-own model could help to support internal applicants who want to stay and work in their home communities.

The city of Nome is located on the southern peninsula coast on the Norton Sound of the Bering Sea, with a population of 3,700 recorded in 2020 census. Nome is considered off the road system, meaning it is only accessible by plane from major hubs such as Anchorage, and by boat or snow machine from surrounding smaller villages. Nome Public Schools educates just under 700 students and contains four schools, with a minority enrollment of 80%, 55% being American Indian or Alaska Native, and 13% who receive special education services. All students are eligible for federal free and reduced meals, and state test scores show less than 35% proficient in reading or math across all grades, with a graduation rate is 61.5%. Families in Nome also experience high rates of ACES and mental health issues, and we currently do not have enough mental health supports to fulfill the service needs, including within the schools. The school district does not currently employ a school psychologist, and contracts with one who flies in 3-4 times per year for a few days to complete re-evaluations for special education. We employ one behavior specialist, with a preferred associated degree but not required, but we have had difficulty filling and retaining personnel in this position, and it is currently an open position. Having a school psychologist in our district would have a profound benefit in our school district, both for supporting children with disabilities and high-intensity needs but also to support implementation of new systems, such as Positive Behavior Supports which the state of Alaska is advocating for, and promote equitable practices.

The proposed project by UAA will support the workforce needs for school psychologists who have knowledge and skills to collaborate and coordinate with families and other school personnel to best serve children with high-intensity needs, including those with high-risk mental health needs. The Nome Public Schools is willing to partner with the University to recruit an internal applicant from our district to participate in the new School Psychology training program, provide field experiences, mentorship, and an internship placement in collaboration with the University's rural supervision model.

Thank you for your consideration,


Nome School District
Superintendent

January 10, 2025

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
333 Willoughby Ave, 9th Floor
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development Members:


On behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA), I am writing to support the University of Alaska Anchorage's School of Psychology program in seeking conditional approval through DEED, enabling program graduates to become eligible for their Alaska Provisional or Initial Type C Special Services- School Psychologist endorsement.

The AMHTA is a state corporation that administers the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a perpetual trust, to improve the lives of beneficiaries. The Trust operates much like a private foundation, using its resources to ensure that Alaska has a comprehensive, integrated mental health program. Beneficiaries of the Trust include the following broad groups of Alaskans who experience mental illness, substance misuse, intellectual and developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's, and related dementia.

There is a statewide shortage of school psychologists, with the existing ratio of school psychologists to students (1:1600) significantly exceeding the recommended 1:500 ratio. Across the State of Alaska, school districts are experiencing a substantial shortage of school psychologists and interns. Additionally, communities and school districts across our state need additional behavioral health services, of which school psychologists can help to play a pivotal role within the school setting. In the recent Strengthening the System II: Alaska's Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan 2025-2029, the plan emphasizes prevention, early intervention, and workforce development to help ensure Alaskans receive the appropriate level of care at the right time.

The AMHTA has committed to providing start-up funding for the program's development and initial implementation in FY 25-26. This new graduate program is essential to meeting the workforce demand for school psychologists with the knowledge and skills to collaborate with families and school personnel to best serve children and youth. Granting this conditional approval for certification is a vital step in supporting student services across school districts in Alaska.

Sincerely,



Katie Baldwin-Johnson, COO
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

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January 14, 2025

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development

PO Box 110500

Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Dear State Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development Members,

On behalf of the Alaska Superintendents Association (ASA), I am writing to support writing to support the UAA School Psychology program in seeking Conditional Approval through DEED, so that graduates from the program are eligible for their Alaska Provisional or Initial Type C Special Services - School Psychologist endorsement. This program is crucial to increase the number of qualified and credentialed school psychologists who are prepared to provide high-quality services in Alaska. Not only is there a state-wide shortage of school psychologists with the current ratio of school psychologists to students (1:1600) substantially higher than the recommended 1:500 ratio, but many rural school districts rely on contractual school psychological services by individuals living in the lower 48, who may not understand the unique cultural and community values of Alaska. This grow-your-own model could help to support internal applicants who want to stay and work in their home communities.

The program at UAA will support the workforce needs for school psychologists who have knowledge and skills to collaborate and coordinate with families and other school personnel to best serve children with high-intensity needs, including those with high-risk mental health needs. School Psychologists are equipped to provide comprehensive services which can include school-based mental health support and consultation and guidance in using data-

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based decision making for school-wide data. The Alaska Superintendents Association is willing to partner with the University to support recruitment from Alaska school districts to provide field experiences, mentorship, and an internship placement in collaboration with the program.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Clayton Holland'.

Clayton Holland
President, Alaska Superintendents Association



GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES
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June 12, 2025

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development
Sally Stockhausen, Chairperson
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RE: Conditional approval of UAA MS in School Psychology – Specialist program

Dear Chair Stockhausen,

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (the Council) fills a variety of federal and state roles, including serving as the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP), under IDEA, Part B. The Council's mission is to create change that improves the lives of Alaskans with disabilities.

We are writing to express our support for the conditional approval of the UAA Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist Program so that graduates of the program have a pathway to licensure as a School Psychologist in Alaska. As you may be aware, Alaska experiences a critical shortage of school psychologists, all of whom must be recruited from outside of Alaska to support our children and schools, many of whom are not equipped to support the unique needs of our geographically and culturally diverse communities. This grow-your-own model could help to support internal applicants who want to stay and work in their home communities.

School Psychologists play a critical role in our schools as professionals who help determine eligibility for services and supports for individuals with disabilities under (IDEA). School Psychologists often serve as consultants to teachers and special education teams, offering insights into effective teaching methods and behavioral interventions, and they can help schools adhere to IDEA and other relevant school laws.

In Alaska, students with Specific Learning Disabilities represent the largest proportion of students served under IDEA, followed by Developmental Delays, Other Health Impairment, and Emotional Disturbance according to the state's Section 618 Data Dashboard. We need School Psychologists who are trained to not only identify children with disabilities but also to help

support implementation of school-wide systems, such as Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to prevent and address learning and behavioral needs for ALL students.

The Council strongly encourages the Board to grant conditional approval of the UAA MS in School Psychology – Specialist program. This program will serve a critical gap in our educational system and can help to contribute to improving the lives of children and youth in our state.

Sincerely,

Patrick Reinhart

Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director

Shelly Vendetti Vuckovich

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich, Chairperson, SEAP

June 13, 2025

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development
Sally Stockhausen, Chairperson
Alaska Dept. of Education & Early Development
PO Box 110500
Juneau, AK 99811-0500

RE: Conditional approval of UAA MS in School Psychology – Specialist program

Dear Chair Stockhausen,

The UAA School Psychology Program Advisory Board is writing to encourage you to consider granting *conditional approval* for the UAA Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program while they seek NASP accreditation. This Advisory Board was formed in September 2023 with a primary purpose to advise the development of the UAA School Psychology program to ensure it was designed to reflect the needs of Alaska's schools and be accessible statewide for working educators. Composed of members from around the state who hold a variety of education positions, we are deeply committed to ensuring the program's success.

The shortage of school psychologists in Alaska is well documented. Unfilled positions result in larger caseloads, which directly impact the support and services that a school psychologist can provide to students and schools. In more rural areas, this also results in hiring contractors who may provide limited services due limited availability and who lack local knowledge of the community. As documented from the statewide needs assessment conducted by the program, school districts overwhelmingly stated a need for more school psychologists and many rural districts were interested in employing a school psychologist rather than a contractor if one were available. If our goal is to see Alaska's students make improvements in academic outcomes it is critical that we support grow-your-own programs such as this one, which aim to fulfill a critical workforce gap and provide continuity and sustainability in educational programming.

The Advisory Board is committed to providing continuous feedback to the program as well as support their efforts in seeking NASP accreditation. Again, we strongly encourage the Board to grant *conditional approval* of the MS in School Psychology – Specialist program. This approval will help to ensure a pathway for graduates to obtain their Type C Special Services – School Psychologist endorsement.

Thank you for your consideration,

The UAA School Psychology Program Advisory Board

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Appendix B: Sample Syllabi (revised)

NOTE: These sample syllabi have been revised to reflect the curriculum changes that were submitted following the BOR guidance. The drafts received by the board were part of the packet submitted to DEED January 16, 2025.

- PSY 608: Contemporary Issues in School Psychology
- PSY 615: School Psychology in a Global Society: Professionalism, Law, and Ethics
- PSY 618: School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents School
- PSY 619: School Psychology Assessment II: Cognitive and Academic Assessment
- PSY 633: Academic Interventions
- PSY 691: Children's Mental Health Systems of Care
- PSY 621: School Crisis Prevention, Intervention and Response (new)
- PSY 695E: School Psychology Internship Student Evaluation



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PSY A608 Contemporary Issues and Practices in School Psychology

Course Information

- Course Title: PSY A608: Contemporary Issues and Practices in School Psychology
- CRN #:
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term: Fall 2025

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: Online synchronous sessions via Zoom and
- Day and Time:

Field Placement Requirement

- This course requires a 15-hour field placement in an elementary school setting.

Catalog Course Description

Introduces the field of school psychology through a contemporary global lens with a focus on the unique needs of each student. Provides an introduction to how school psychologists work collaboratively with families, teachers, and other educators to support access to effective instruction in relation to each student's learning needs. Examines current practices, professional issues and controversies in the field

Registration Restriction: Admitted to the Specialist in School Psychology degree and graduate standing.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:	How will this outcome be assessed	NASP Domains
1. Describe historical events in school psychology practice and future directions.	Reflection Paper 1 & 2 Asynchronous Module	5, 8, 10
2. Describe the primary roles and functions of a school psychologist with respect for and honoring of individual differences.	NASP Practice Model Self-Assessment Asynchronous Module	2, 7, 8
3. Identify and compare theoretical foundations and contextual influences of school psychology.	Asynchronous Module	1, 9, 10
4. Explain the elements of a multitiered system of supports and the problem-solving model.	Multi-tiered System of Support Project Field Placement Reflection	1, 3, 4
5. Reflect on the critical importance of multicultural issues and culturally sustaining practices related to the practice of school psychology.	Implicit Bias Self-Assessment Field Placement Reflection Asynchronous Module	6, 7, 8
6. Analyze current practices and controversies that shape school psychology practice.	Reflection Paper 2 NASP Practice Model Presentation Asynchronous Module	6, 9, 10
7. Identify current challenges in school psychology and understand future directions for the advancement of school psychology practice.	NASP Position Statement Field Placement Reflection Asynchronous Module	8, 9, 10

Addressed

- Domain 5: School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning*
- Domain 8: Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations*

Course Design

This course has weekly synchronous sessions via Zoom and uses Blackboard as a Learning Management System. This course requires additional time of student engagement to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments. Time expectations for higher education courses are typically three hours outside of class time per week per credit hour, thus 9 hours of outside class time per week is expected. This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts

- Harrison, S. L., Proctor, S. L., & Thomas, A. (2023). *Best practices in School Psychology* (7th ed.). National Association for School Psychologists.
- Merrell, K. W., Ervin, R. A., Peacock, G.G., & Renshaw, T. (2022). *School psychology for the 21st century, 3rd ed.* Guilford Press.
- Song, S. Y., Miranda, A. H., Radliff, K. M., & Shriberg, D. (2019). *School psychology in a global society: Roles and functions.* NASP.

Course Calendar/Schedule

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard. Weekly reminders:

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (Dates)	Orientation and Introduction to School Psychology	Merrell et al., 2022, chapter 1 Song et al., 2019, chapter 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 module and exit ticket
Week 2	History of School Psychology: US & Global	Merrell et al, 2022, chapter 2 Song et al., 2019, chapters 2 & 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for NASP Domain Presentation on BB
Week 3	Theoretical Foundations in School Psychology and Individual Differences and Context	Jones & Mehr, 2007	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> NASP Student Membership due
Week 4	Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and Data-Driving Problem Solving	Best Practices, Vol 1., chapters 3 & 4 Merrell et al., 2022, chapter 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection Paper 1: History of School Psychology
Week 5	Credentialing, Professional	Merrell et al, 2022, chapters 5 & 6 Song et al., 2019, chapter 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 module and exit ticket

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
	Associations, and Professional Identity		
Week 6	NASP Practice Model and Introduction to NASP Position Statements	Best Practices, Vol 1., chapters 1, 2 Conoley et al., 2020 NASP Practice Model Implementation Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> NASP Practice Model Presentation Domains
Week 7	Roles and Functions of School Psychologists: Prevention and Wellness	Merrell et al., 2022, chapter 10 Song et al., 2019, chapter 7 Best Practices, Vol 1, chapter 19 Best Practices, Vol 2, chapter 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 module and exit ticket
Week 8	Roles and Functions: Consultation and Family-School-Community Partnerships	Song et al., 2019, chapter 8 Best Practices, Vol 1, chapters 20, 21 Best Practices, Vol 2, chapter 34	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection Paper 2: Current Issues in School Psychology
Week 9	Roles and Functions: Assessment	Merrell et al., 2022, chapter 8 Song et al., 2019, chapter 9 Best Practices, Vol 1, chapters 5, 6, 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 module and exit ticket
Week 10	Roles and Functions: Instructional Supports and Intervention	Merrell et al., 2022, chapter 9 Song et al., 2019, chapter 10 Best Practices, Vol 1, chapter 22 Best Practices, Vol 2, chapters 5, 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> NASP Practice Model Self-Assessment
Week 11	Special Education: Current Context and the Role of School Psychologists	Best Practices, Vol 2, chapters 20, 21 <i>Additional readings TBD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 11 module and exit ticket
Week 12	Promoting Equal Access Practices in School Psychology	Best Practices, Vol 3, chapters 1, 2, 4 Burns et al., 2019, chapter 3 Song et al., 2019, chapter 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 12 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Implicit Bias Assessment
Week 13	School Psychology in Alaska: Current Context, Challenges and Opportunities	Best Practices, Vol 3, chapters 5, 6 Harvey H. & Russell, R (2023) <i>Additional Readings TBD</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 module and exit ticket
Week 14	Technology use in school psychology	Best Practices, Vol 3, chapter 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Multitiered System of Support Project
Week 15	Advocacy and Leadership	<i>No required readings</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 module and exit ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Field Placement Time Log and Reflection
Week 16	Finals Week	<i>Final Class Meeting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NASP Position Statement Paper and Presentation

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are noted below and on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Attendance and Professionalism	Attend scheduled synchronous online and demonstrate professional behaviors as outlined in the NASP Principles for Professional Ethics.	10 points x 15 weeks = 150	Weekly
Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket	Complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion <u>prior</u> to the scheduled class meeting	5 points each x 15 weeks = 75	Weekly
NASP Student Membership	Join the National Association of School Psychologists as a student member	20	Week 3
Reflection Paper 1: History of School Psychology	Write 3-5 page paper that reflects on one event or aspect in the history of school psychology.	80	Week 4
NASP Practice Model Presentation	Individually or in pairs, select one domain of the NASP Practice Model and make a presentation to the class explaining the purpose, examples, and importance of the domain and how it benefits PK-12 learning outcomes.	80	Week 6
Reflection Paper 2: Current Issue in School Psychology	Write a 3-5 page paper that reflects on a current issue or controversy in school psychology and how this may influence or predict the future of school psychology.	80	Week 8
NASP Practice Model Self-Assessment	Complete the online NASP Domains Self-Assessment and write a brief reflection paper explaining the results.	50	Week 10
Multi-tiered Systems of Support Project	Interview key personnel and conduct a document review about a school district's implementation process of MTSS. Information gathered will include how students are identified for different tiers of services, what sorts of supports are available at each tier, and how students are identified for special education services, or what prevention/intervention methods and processes are being used if their school or district is not implementing MTSS.	100	Week 14
Field Placement Time Log and Reflection	Complete 15 hours of learning in a school setting, record the hours and activities, and write a reflection about what was learned from the observed activities.	85	Week 15
NASP Position Statement Reflection and Presentation	Students select a NASP position statement and critically summarize and present their findings to their peers. The reflection must include a critical analysis of the position statement, evaluate how the topic has shifted from historical school psychology practices, and write a personal reflection connected to your philosophy.	100	Week 16
TOTAL Points		XXX	

Readings

- Conoley, J. C., Powers, K., & Gutkin, T. B. (2020). How is school psychology doing: Why hasn't school psychology realized its promise?. *School Psychology*, 35(6), 367.
- Harvey, H., & Russell, R. (2023). (2023, October). *Alaska statewide school psychologist needs assessment survey results*. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.18330.41925](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18330.41925)
- National Association of School Psychologists (2020). *NASP practice model implementation guide*. <https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/nasp-practice-model/nasp-practice-model-implementation-guide>
- Jones, J. L., & Mehr, S. L. (2007). Foundations and assumptions of the scientist-practitioner model (Links to an external site.). *American Behavioral Scientist*, 50, 766-771.
- State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. (n.d.b). *Provisional special services certificate*. https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/certification/special-services-certificates#_Type_B:_Provisional

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 1000
B	80-89%	800 - 899
C	70-79%	700 - 799
D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

Assignment Details

All written assignments are expected to adhere to APA 7th edition. All scholarly papers and handouts, unless otherwise specified, must be **double spaced, Times New Roman 12 pt., with 1-inch margins on an 8.5" x 11" document**. See the following resources for explicit guidelines:

- American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. ** For more APA information also see: <http://www.apastyle.org/faqs>; the DOI handbook: <http://www.doi.org/hb>; & Purdue OWL <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01>
- Houghton, P.M., & Houghton, T. J. (2009). *APA: The easy way! (2nd ed.)*. Flint, MI: Baker College.
- Strunk, W., & White, E. B. (2000). *The elements of style*. New York: Longman.

A. Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket. (15 x 5 = 75 points). Students complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each

week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion.

Scoring Rubric for Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket

Points				
Exit Ticket	No exit ticket was submitted	Exit ticket is incomplete	Exit ticket is complete and reflects partial understanding from the module assignment	Exit ticket is complete and reflects accurate details from the module assignment
<i>Points</i>	0	1	2	3
Timeliness	Exit ticket was 7 or more days late.		Exit ticket was no more than 4 days late.	Exit ticket was on time.
<i>Points</i>	0		1	2
TOTAL	5			

- B. NASP Student Membership.** (20 points) Students will join the National Association of School Psychologists as a student member

Scoring Rubric for NASP Student Membership

Points		
Peer Response	Student did not submit a PDF file verifying a student NASP membership	Student submitted a PDF file verifying a student NASP membership
Timeliness		
<i>Points</i>	0	20
TOTAL	20	

- C. Reflection Paper 1: History of School Psychology.** (80 points) Students will write a 3-5 page paper that reflects on one event or aspect in the history of school psychology and includes details about a specific event or aspect of school psychology history including the date(s) and participants, details and explanation of the importance of event or aspect on the history of school psychology, and the current effects of the event or aspect on the school psychology practice.

Scoring Rubric for Discussion Paper 1: History of School Psychology

Points				
Event or Aspect	No specific school psychology event or aspect is provided	There is at least one sentence about a specific event or aspect of school psychology history	There is at least one paragraph about a specific event or aspect of school psychology history including the date(s) or participants	There is at least one paragraph with details about a specific event or aspect of school psychology history including the date(s) and participants
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
Importance	No information about the importance of the event or aspect is provided	There is at least 1 paragraphs that provide details and explanation of the importance of event or aspect on the history of school psychology	There are at least 2 paragraphs that provide details and explanation of the importance of event or aspect on the history of school psychology	There are at least 3 paragraphs that provide details and explanation of the importance of event or aspect on the history of school psychology
<i>Points</i>	0	5	15	25

Effects on Current Practice	No information about the effects on current practice is provided	There is at least 1 paragraphs that explain the current effects of the event or aspect on school psychology practice	There are at least 2 paragraphs that explain the current effects of the event or aspect on school psychology practice	There are at least 3 paragraphs that explain the current effects of the event or aspect on school psychology practice
<i>Points</i>	0	5	15	25
Conclusion	There is no summary paragraph provided	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event or aspect • importance to school psychology • effects on current practice 	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event or aspect • importance to school psychology • effects on current practice 	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • event or aspect • importance to school psychology • effects on current practice
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
Grammar and Style	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes more than 15 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 15 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 10 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 5 style or grammar errors
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
TOTAL	80			

D. NASP Practice Model Presentation. (100 points) Students will be assigned one of the domains (either individually or in partners) of the NASP Practice Model and make a presentation to the class that includes the following:

1. NASP Domain number and name;
2. Components;
3. Example;
4. Relevance and importance of the domain and;
5. How it benefits K-12 learning outcomes.

Scoring Rubric for NASP Practice Model Presentation

Points			
NASP Domain	Neither the number nor name of the NASP Practice Model Domain are provided	The number or name of the NASP Practice Model Domain are provided	The number and name of the NASP Practice Model Domain are provided
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Components	None of the components included in the NASP Practice Model Domain are explained	Some of the components included in the NASP Practice Model Domain are explained	All of the components included in the NASP Practice Model Domain are explained
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Example	There is no example of what the NASP Practice Model Domain looks like in a school setting	There is a partial example of what the NASP Practice Model Domain looks like in a school setting	There is a detailed example of what the NASP Practice Model Domain looks like in a school setting
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20

Importance	The importance of the NASP Practice Model Domain for comprehensive school psychology services is not explained	The importance of the NASP Practice Model Domain for comprehensive school psychology services is partially explained	The importance of the NASP Practice Model Domain for comprehensive school psychology services is fully explained
<i>Points</i>	0	15	30
Benefits	The benefits for K-12 student learning outcomes related to the NASP Practice Model Domain are not explained	The benefits for K-12 student learning outcomes related to the NASP Practice Model Domain are partially explained	The benefits for K-12 student learning outcomes related to the NASP Practice Model Domain are fully explained
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
Presentation			
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
TOTAL		100	

- E. Reflection Paper 2: Current Issue in School Psychology.** (80 points) Students will write a 3-5 page paper that reflects on a current issue or controversy in school psychology and includes a description and example of the issue or controversy, why it is important for the field of school psychology, effects on current practices in school psychology, and a conclusion.

Scoring Rubric for Discussion Paper 2: Current Issue in School Psychology

Points				
Issue or Controversy	No specific issue or controversy is provided	There is at least one sentence that explains the issue or controversy	There is at least one paragraph that explains the details of the issue or controversy	There is at least one paragraph that explains the details of the issue or controversy and includes an example
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
Importance	No information about the importance of the issue or controversy is provided	There is at least 1 paragraph that provides details and explanation of the importance of issue or controversy on school psychology practice	There are at least 2 paragraphs that provide details and explanation of the importance of issue or controversy on school psychology practice	There are at least 3 paragraphs that provide details and explanation of the importance of issue or controversy on school psychology practice
<i>Points</i>	0	5	15	25
Effects on Current Practice	No information about the effects on current practice is provided	There is at least 1 paragraph that explains the current effects of the issue or controversy on school psychology practice	There are at least 2 paragraphs that explain the current effects of the issue or controversy on school psychology practice	There are at least 3 paragraphs that explain the current effects of the issue or controversy on school psychology practice
<i>Points</i>	0	5	15	25

Conclusion	There is no summary paragraph provided	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● issue or controversy ● importance to school psychology ● effects on current practice ● considerations for impact on future practice 	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes 2 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● issue or controversy ● importance to school psychology ● effects on current practice ● considerations for impact on future practice 	There is at least one summary paragraph that includes all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● issue or controversy ● importance to school psychology ● effects on current practice ● considerations for impact on future practice
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
Grammar and Style	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes more than 15 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 15 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 10 style or grammar errors	The paper uses APA (7th ed) style and includes no more than 5 style or grammar errors
<i>Points</i>	0	3	5	10
TOTAL	80			

F. NASP Practice Model Self-Assessment. (110 points) Students will complete the online NASP Domains Self-Assessment and write a reflection paper explaining the results using the template provided. The self-assessment will include:

1. A PDF of the self-assessment completion report;
2. Reflection on the student's strengths and areas of growth for each NASP Practice Domains;
3. A list of at least 3 professional growth goals related to the NASP Domains.

Scoring Rubric for NASP Practice Model Self-Assessment

Points			
Completion Report	A PDF of the self-assessment is not uploaded in Blackboard		A PDF of the self-assessment is uploaded in Blackboard
<i>Points</i>	0		5
Domain 1	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 2	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 3	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 4	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 5	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10

Domain 6	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 7	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 8	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 9	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Domain 10	There is no information about the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain	There is information about either the student's strengths or areas of growth in this domain	There is information about both the student's strengths and areas of growth in this domain
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Goals	There are no professional growth goals related to the NASP Domains	There are 1 or 2 professional growth goals related to the NASP Domains	There are 3 or more professional growth goals related to the NASP Domains
	0	3	5
TOTAL	110		

G. Multitiered Systems of Support Project (100 points) Students will Interview key personnel in their field placement and conduct a document review about a school district's implementation process of MTSS. Information gathered will include how students are identified for different tiers of services, what sorts of supports are available at each tier, and how students are identified for special education services, or what prevention/intervention methods and processes are being used if their school or district is not implementing MTSS. A summary of their findings will be reported along with a clear connection to the school psychologist' in MTSS implementation.

(Rubric to be added)

H. Field Placement Time Log and Reflection. (85 points) Students will complete 15 hours of learning in a school setting, record the hours, and write a reflection about what they learned from the activities, including:

1. A description of the field placement setting;
2. The types of activities that student completed in the field experience;
3. What the student learned from the field placement experiences, and;
4. The student's goals for future field placement experiences.
5. Time log listing the setting of each field experience encounter, amount of time, and activities included

Students will work with the course instructor and School Psychology Program staff to locate a field placement and complete the required affiliation agreement paperwork to approve the placement. Examples of field placement activities for this course include observing in general and special education classrooms, attending grade-level and school MTSS team meetings, attending IEP meetings, and observing individual assessment sessions. A full list of required activities will be provided on the Blackboard course.

Scoring Rubric for Field Placement Reflection

Points			
Setting	There is not a description of the field placement setting	There is a description of the field placement setting that includes the school's grade levels or number of students enrolled	There is a description of the field placement setting that includes the school's grade levels and number of students enrolled
<i>Points</i>	0	4	10
Activities	There is no description of the types of activities that the student completed in the field experience	There is a partial description of the types of activities that the student completed in the field experience	There is a detailed description of the types of activities that the student completed in the field experience
<i>Points</i>	0	4	20
Learning	There is neither description nor analysis of what the student learned from the field placement experience.	There is description but not analysis of what the student learned from the field placement experience.	There is description and analysis of what the student learned from the field placement experience.
<i>Points</i>	0	4	20
Goals	There are no learning goals related to school psychology practices included	There is at least 1 learning goal related to school psychology practices included	There are at least 2 learning goals related to school psychology practices included
<i>Points</i>	0	4	20
Time Log	No time log is included:	A time log using the template provided by the instructor and that includes some of the following is included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting • Time • Activities 	A time log using the template provided by the instructor and that includes all of the following is included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting • Time • Activities
<i>Points</i>	0	10	15
TOTAL		85	

NASP Position Statement Reflection

Students will submit a critical written review and reflection of a position statement from the National Association of School Psychologists (<https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/professional-positions/position-statements>). In your paper: (a) briefly summarize the position statement and then embed it within historical and cultural contexts; (b) write your personal reaction and position to the statement based upon your own professional identity and experiences within schools and/or with providing school-based psychological services; and, (c) outline a commitment to advocacy for the position, for the field, and to the persons with whom you will work and whom you will serve in the future. You must provide research citations to support your position and reaction.

Scoring Rubric for Position Statement Reflection

Component	Criteria			Points
	Well Above Ave - Above Average - Average - Below Average - Well Below Ave			
The paper summarizes the position statement.	Description of the position is clear, objective, concise. Provides historical, cultural, and specific background knowledge on the position. All additional consideration or supporting details are fully described	Description of the position is clear. The historical context, additional considerations or supporting details were not fully described.	Unclear description of the position. Few or unclear additional considerations or supporting details were presented.	/ 30
The paper comprehensively covers the author’s <u>personal</u> reaction and position to the statement based on their professional identity and experiences within schools and/or with providing school-based psychological services.	The author comprehensively and clearly explains their stance regarding the position statement. They discuss how it relates to their professional identity, their experiences with school/psychological-based service delivery, and their understanding of school psychology. A minimum of <u>five</u> references are included.	The author explains their stance regarding the position statement. They briefly mention how it relates to their professional identity, their experiences with school-/psychological based service delivery, or their understanding of school psychology. A minimum of <u>three</u> references are included.	The author does not explain their stance regarding the position statement. They have little or no mention of how it relates to their professional identity, their experiences with school-/psychological based service delivery, or their understanding of school psychology. <u>One</u> or <u>no</u> references are included.	/ 25
The paper outlines a commitment to advocacy for the position, for the field, and to the persons with whom the author will work and whom they will serve in the future.	The paper defines the author’s version of advocacy and allyship. It has a clear and attainable professional advocacy plan that comprehensively details what the author will do to enact their position, whom the author will ally with, how this will impact their future service delivery, and whom/what this is intended to benefit. The author includes a statement of commitment and accountability.	The paper defines the author’s version of advocacy and allyship. It has a professional advocacy plan that notes what the author will do to enact their position, whom the author will ally with, how this will impact their future service delivery, and/or whom/what this is intended to benefit.	The paper poorly defines advocacy and allyship. It has a vague professional advocacy plan that provides little details and path toward attainability. The author does not include a statement of commitment and accountability.	/ 25

The paper is well organized, includes scholarly references (excluding the position statement), demonstrates appropriate spelling/grammar, adheres to APA standards, and conforms to page limits.	The Information is accurate and cited appropriately. The paper is free of spelling and grammatical errors and adheres to APA format (e.g., spacing, labeling, text size, quotation rules, citations). The paper is professionally presented (e.g., organization, clarity, pace) and is within the page limits.	The Information is accurate and cited appropriately. The paper has some spelling and grammatical errors and adheres somewhat to APA format. Professionalism is adequate. Page limits are noted.	The Information is not accurate and cited appropriately. The paper has several spelling and grammatical errors. The assignment does not adhere to APA format. The paper is not professional and shows clear lack of preparation. The page limit is not followed	/ 25
Comments:				/ 105

Course Policies

- a. Evaluation: Successful completion of all assignments.
- b. Grading Policy: Students will earn a letter grade based on the cumulative points assigned to each assignment as listed above.
- c. Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend and actively participate in all class meetings and to engage in the weekly course content in the Blackboard course. Student participation in class sessions will be assessed with the following standards: timeliness, attentiveness, showing respect to fellow colleagues and faculty, and timely communication as well as preparation for class discussions and activities. Students may miss one class without point penalty or prior approval.

Medical concerns are excused with proper documentation. Any other extenuating circumstances, outside of those outlined in the student handbook, that lead to an absence will need to be approved by the instructor to be considered excused. Scheduling conflicts with other courses, employment, or personal obligations will not be considered excused. For any absence in addition to the one missed class to be considered excused it will need to be properly documented and the documentation is required to be given (or scanned and emailed) to the instructor. An email informing the instructor of your intention to miss, or an explanation as to why you missed the class does not qualify as adequate documentation. Students who do not attend class cannot earn participation points for that day (other than the one missed class).

- d. Late Assignments and Make-up Policy: Assignments should be submitted in Blackboard on the date due. **Assignments that do not include a late submission criteria in the rubric can be submitted up to 1-week late for a 10% point penalty or up to 2-weeks late for a 20% point penalty.** In the case of an illness, emergency, or unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from submitting your

assignment on time, please contact the instructor in advance to discuss the possibility of an extension.

- e. Assignments: Students must complete the assignments listed in the syllabus. Detailed information and rubrics are found in the Blackboard course.
- f. Withdrawal: As a faculty member, I may initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who fail to meet the course participation and assignment requirements. Check the course calendar and schedule for specific requirements and due dates.
- g. Auditing: Auditors are students who enroll for informational instruction only. No credit is received for audited courses. The faculty member and student agree upon terms for auditing the course. Submission of papers for correction, grading, and participation in experiences are at the discretion of the instructor. Faculty may withdraw students if they fail to comply with the agreed-upon terms.

Communication Policies

Email

I may be reached by email at **instructor email**. I will make every attempt to reply to your email within 24 hours on weekdays. For the best response and to ensure it is not sent to my junk mail, please put the course ID **PSY A608**, your name, and your topic in the subject line.

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Instructional Continuity Plan

This syllabus and schedule is articulated as an expectation of class topics, learning activities, and expected student learning. However, the instructor reserves the right to make changes in this schedule that, within my professional judgment, would result in enhanced or more effective learning on the part of the students. These modifications will not substantially change the intent or objectives of this course and will be done within the policies and procedures of University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition, if there are sudden changes in case of an unexpected disruption such as a natural disaster, health crisis, or emergency communication through Blackboard announcements or university email will occur.

Telephone

Email is the best method of communication for receiving and sending correspondence. I also recommend accessing Blackboard for announcements and information about this course.

Blackboard Ultra

Blackboard Ultra is an Internet-based learning management system that provides student and faculty interaction. You will use Blackboard Ultra to gain access to the course materials, assignments, and other important items related to this course. Blackboard is the tool used to obtain announcements, assignment criteria, course and class changes and updates, due dates, discussion forums, etc., as outlined in the syllabus. [Firefox](#) and [Chrome](#) are the recommended browsers to access Blackboard. You can access [Blackboard Learn](#) directly or from the [UAA website](#) Quick Links. Enter your username and password to see your courses in Blackboard.

For technical assistance, contact the UAA Call Center at 786-4646 or 1-877-633-3888, visit [Blackboard Support](#), or view the information in Student Help (in your Blackboard course) for more information on using Blackboard Learn.

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Student Resources

[Consortium Library link](#)

[Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

[Informational Technology \(IT\) Services](#)

[Learning Commons](#)

[UAA Care Team](#)

UAA provides mental health services to support the academic success of students. The [Student Health and Counseling Center](#) and the [Psychological Services Center](#) both offer low cost, confidential services to help you manage personal challenges. Treatment for mental health problems is effective.. *Immediate help (24/7) is available through Alaska Careline: 877-266-4357 or at www.carelinealaska.com.*

University Policies

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PSY A615 School Psychology in a Global Society:

Law, Ethics and Professionalism

Course Information

- Course Title: PSY A615: School Psychology in a Global Society: Law, Ethics and Professionalism
- CRN #:
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term:

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: Online synchronous sessions via Zoom
- Day and Time:

Catalog Course Description

Introduces legal and ethical practices in the field of school psychology with a focus on professional standards and using an ethical decision-making model. Discusses special education law, and the professionalism of school psychologists using the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Professional Standards and NASP Principles for Professional Ethics.

Course Prerequisite/Co-requisites: Admitted to the Specialist in School Psychology degree.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:	How will this outcome be assessed	NASP Domains
1. Explain legal and ethical issues in the education of students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 505.		8, 10
2. Identify important trends in education laws and policies, including the role of school psychology within special education.		6, 9, 10
3. Access and appraise recent legal decisions affecting special education in public school settings.		9, 10
4. Apply the ethical decision-making model to case examples using the NASP Principles for Professional Ethics.		10
5. Appraise legal and ethical issues in psychoeducational assessment and in the delivery of school-based interventions and indirect services.		1, 4, 10
6. Reflect on one's own professional competencies and characteristics needed for effective practice as a school psychologist.		7, 8, 10

NASP Domains Addressed

- Domain 10: Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice*

Course Design

This course has weekly synchronous sessions via Zoom plus one hour per week of asynchronous learning content and uses Blackboard as a Learning Management System. This course requires additional time of student engagement to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments. Time expectations for higher education courses are typically three hours outside of class time per week per credit hour, thus 9 hours

of outside class time per week is expected. This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts:

Harrison, S. L., Proctor, S. L., & Thomas, A. (2023). *Best practices in School Psychology* (7th ed.). NASP

Jacob, S., Decker, D. M., Lugg, E. T., & Diamond, E. L. (2022). *Ethics and law for school psychologists* (8th ed.). Wiley.

Jacob, S., Williams, B. B., & Armestead, L. (2021). *Professional ethics for school psychologists: A problem-solving model casebook* (3rd ed.). National Association of School Psychologists.

List of Required Readings (listed after course calendar)

Course Calendar/Schedule

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard.

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (Dates)	The History of school psychology ethics	Jacob et al., 2021, Introduction and Part 1 Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Activity posting
Week 2	Ethical codes that guide professional practice in school psychology	Jacob et al., 2022, Appendices A, B NASP Standards, 2020 State of Alaska, 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Activity posting
Week 3	Legal connections to professional ethics	Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Activity posting
Week 4	Educational Law: IDEA	Jacob et al., chapters 4, 5	Week 4 Module Week 4 Exit Ticket Week 4 Activity posting
Week 5	Education law: Statutes and regulations (i.e., Alaska, federal, procedural safeguards)	Alaska DEED, n.d. Alaska DEED, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Activity posting <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Case Analysis
Week 6	Broad themes in professional ethics	Jacob et al., 2021, Part 2, pp. 23-28 Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Activity posting
Week 7	Respecting the Dignity and Rights of all Persons	Jacob et al., 2021, Part 2, pp. 29-54 Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Activity posting <input type="checkbox"/> NASP Ethics Analysis
Week 8	MID-TERM BREAK	NO READINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> No assignments
Week 9	Professional Competence and Responsibility	Jacob et al., 2021, Part 2, pp. 55-111	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Exit Ticket

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
	Honesty and Integrity in Professional Relationships	Jacob et al., 2022, chapters 7, 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Activity posting <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Case Simulation
Week 10	Responsibility to schools, families, communities, the profession, and society	Jacob et al., 2021, Part 2, pp. 112-138 Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Activity posting <input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Simulation Reflection
Week 11	Ethical problem solving methods	Best Practices, Vol. 3, chapter 20 Jacob et al., 2021, Part 3, pp. 139-152	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 11 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 11 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 11 Activity posting
Week 12	Privacy, informed consent, confidentiality and record keeping	Jacob et al., 2022, chapter 3 Alaska DEED, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 12 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 12 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 12 Activity posting
Week 13	Ethics and the NASP Practice Model	Jacob et al., 2021, Part 4, pp. 153-158 & part 5 NASP Practice Model Implementation Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Activity posting <input type="checkbox"/> Comparison of Alaska Educator and NASP Ethics
Week 14	The role of ethics in supervision of school psychologists	Jacob et al., 2022, chapters 11, 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Activity posting
Week 15	Legal procedures to address ethics complaints	State of Alaska, 2018 NASP Complaint Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Activity posting
Week 16	Final projects	None	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Case Study

Required Readings:

- Ayanwale, M.A., Samusi, I.T., Adelman, O.P., Aruleba, K.D., Oyelere, S.S. (2022). Teachers' readiness and intention to teach artificial intelligence in schools." *Computers and education. Artificial intelligence* 3 (2022): 100099. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.caeai.2022.100099>
- Hosseini, M., & Horbach, S. P. J. M. (2023). Fighting reviewer fatigue or amplifying bias? Considerations and recommendations for use of ChatGPT and other large language models in scholarly peer review. *Research Integrity and Peer Review*, 8(1), 4–4. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41073-023-00133-5>
- National Association of School Psychologists (2020). *NASP practice model implementation guide*. <https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/nasp-practice-model/nasp-practice-model-implementation-guide>
- National Association of School Psychologists (2024). *Resolving complaints*. <https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/professional-ethics/resolving-complaints>
- National Association of School Psychologists (2020). *The professional standards of the National Association of School Psychologists*. <https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/nasp-practice-model>.

- State of Alaska. (2018). Code of ethics of the education profession.
<https://education.alaska.gov/ptpc/pdf/Code-of-ethics-fullpage.pdf>
- State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. (n.d.a). Notice of procedural safeguards: Parental rights for special education.
<https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/ModuleInstance/31752/Procedural-Safeguards.pdf>
- State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. (2020, February). *Guidance for special education personnel: Selected regulations and information regarding Alaska special education*.
https://education.alaska.gov/Media/Default/static/covid/AK_SPED_Handbook.pdf

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Attendance	Students will attend scheduled synchronous online and the on-campus weekend class sessions.	10 points x 15 weeks = 150	Weekly
Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket	Students complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion.	5 points each x 15 weeks = 75	Weekly
Weekly Activities	Students will complete a weekly activity linked to course content, which will include either a responses to questions posted online in the Learning Management System (LMS) or completion of an interactive activity linked with course content	5 points each x 15 weeks = 75	Weekly
Legal Case Analysis	Students will select a legal case (case law finding) related to school psychology and analyze its implications for ethical practice.	100	Week 4
NASP Ethics Analysis	Students will select one section of the NASP Ethics and analyze how it does or does not address the rights of students from diverse backgrounds.	150	Week 6
Ethics Case Simulation	Students will be assigned a role in a mock situation involving NASP professional ethics and the instructional needs of a student and portray that role in a simulation meeting.	100	Week 8
Ethics Simulation Reflection	Students will write a reflection paper about the ethics case simulation.	50	Week 10
Comparison of Alaska Educator and NASP Ethics	Students will select a topic covered in both the Alaska Educator and NASP ethics and write a paper that explains how the two sets of ethics are similar and/or different.	150	Week 13
Ethics Case Study	Students will be given a summary of a school-based situation involving a possible ethical violation and write a detailed case study that identifies all NASP Standards involved, the steps recommended to resolve the situation, and recommendations for follow-up steps.	100	Week 16
Final Exam	Students will complete a final exam covering all material in the course	100	Week 16
TOTAL Points		1000	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 1000
B	80-89%	800 - 899
C	70-79%	700 - 799
D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

Assignment Details

- A. **Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket.** (15 x 5 = 75 points). Students complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion.

Scoring Rubric for Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket

Points				
Exit Ticket	No exit ticket was submitted	Exit ticket is incomplete	Exit ticket is complete and reflects partial understanding from the module assignment	Exit ticket is complete and reflects accurate details from the module assignment
<i>Points</i>	0	1	2	3
Timeliness	Exit ticket was 7 or more days late.		Exit ticket was no more than 4 days late.	Exit ticket was on time.
<i>Points</i>	0		1	2
TOTAL	5			

- B. **Weekly Activities.** (15 x 5 = 75 points) Students will complete a weekly activity linked to course content, which will include either a responses to questions posted online in the Learning Management System (LMS) or completion of an interactive activity linked with course content

Scoring Rubric for Weekly Activities

Points		
Exit Ticket	Weekly activity not completed	Weekly activity completed
<i>Points</i>	0	3
Timeliness	Activity completed after deadline	Activity completed on time
<i>Points</i>	0	2
TOTAL	5	

- C. **Legal Case Analysis.** (100 points) Students will select one of the following legal cases related to school psychology, analyze its implications for ethical practice, and present a summary of the case to the class. The presentation will include the following:

- Slideshow presentation with the following details:
 - Description of the case: Describe the situation parameters.
 - Legal/ethical issues in the case: Identify potential ethical and legal issues involved, refer to specific ethical-legal guidelines, include related cases (and previous cases it overruled, if applicable) and include references to at least two additional sources which discuss the case..
 - Implications of the case: Evaluate the rights, responsibilities, and welfare of all affected parties.
 - School psychology impact of the case: Generate potential impact for school psychology policy and practice from the case and enumerate the consequences and cost/benefits of each.
- 1-page handout for classmates that provides the following information:
 - Case name
 - Year of decision
 - Summary of main issues
 - Court decision

- Implications for school psychology

The following legal cases can be used for this assignment:

- Brown v. Bd. of Ed. (1954)/Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
- Hobson v. Hansen (1967)
- Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969)
- Diana v. State Bd. of Ed. (1970)
- Mills v. District of Columbia Bd. of Ed. (1972)
- Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children (PARC) v. Pennsylvania (1972)
- Lau v. Nichols (1974)
- Tarasoff v. Regents of Univ. of Cal. (1974, 1976)
- Parents in Action on Special Ed. (PASE) v. Hannon (1980)
- Brookhart v. Illinois State Bd. of Ed (1982)
- Hendrick Hudson Central School Dist. Bd. of Ed. v. Rowley (1982)
- Irving Independent Sch. Dist. v. Amber Tatro (1984)
- Larry P. v. Riles. (1980)/Marshall v. Georgia (1984)
- Honig v. Doe (1988)
- Oberti v. Borough of Clementon Bd. of Ed. (1993)
- Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District (2017)

Scoring Rubric for Legal Case Analysis

Points			
Description	Unclear description of the problem situation. Few or unclear additional considerations or supporting details were presented.	Description of the problem situation is clear. The historical context, additional considerations or supporting details were not fully described.	Description of the problem situation is clear, objective, concise. Provides historical and specific background knowledge on the law. All additional considerations or supporting details are fully described
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
Ethical/Legal Issues	The issues noted are not well tied to NASP guidelines. No additional resources were consulted. Persons were not considered.	The issues noted are accurately linked to NASP guidelines. One added resource was consulted and referenced. Persons were identified but reasons were not fully or well described.	The issues noted are accurately linked to NASP and APA guidelines and other relevant special education laws and cases. Two other resources were consulted and referenced. Key school personnel were identified with a clear reason for their inclusion.
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
Implications	Neither implications nor cultural issues were well considered for affected parties.	Big picture implications were considered for most affected parties. Cultural issues were raised but not fully explained.	Big picture implications were carefully considered for all affected parties, including students, families, teachers, administrators, other school personnel, and the psychologist. Rights, principles, welfare, and responsibilities of all are highlighted. Consideration of cultural issues salient to the decision are included.
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
School Psychology Impact	Policy and practice ideas are specified but considerations were not clear or fully explained.	Two ideas are clearly specified with an adequate consideration of short and long-term, pros and cons for each idea.	Provides three specific ideas for how this law has affected the profession and practice of school psychology. The ideas are clearly specified with full consideration given to short and long-term, pros and cons for each idea.
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
Presentation	The presentation Information is not accurate and cited appropriately. The presentation and handout have several spelling and grammatical errors. The assignment does not adhere to APA format. The presentation is not professional and shows clear lack of preparation and practice.	The presentation Information is accurate and cited appropriately. The presentation and handout have some spelling and grammatical errors and adheres mostly to APA format. The presentation and handout are within time and page constraints; there is adequate demonstration of professionalism, preparation, and practice.	The presentation Information is accurate and cited appropriately. The presentation and handout are free of spelling and grammatical errors and adhere to APA format (e.g., spacing, labeling, text size, quotation rules, citations). The presentation is professionally presented within the allotted time and clearly demonstrates rehearsal and effort (e.g., organization, clarity, pace). The handout provides a clear, accurate summarization, with facts about and links to the law and other associated resources
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
TOTAL	100		

D. **NASP Ethics Analysis.** (150 points) Students will select one section of the NASP Ethics and analyze how it does or does not address the rights of students from diverse backgrounds. The paper will include the following sections:

1. Number and name of the NASP ethics section;
2. School psychology practices covered by the section;
3. Description and analysis of how the ethical components in the section do or do not address the needs of students from diverse backgrounds; and
4. A reflection on what was learned from this assignment.

Scoring Rubric for NASP Ethics Analysis

Points				
Section of Ethics	Neither the number nor name of the NASP ethics section are included		Number or name of the NASP ethics section are included	Number and name of the NASP ethics section are included
Points	0		5	10
Practices Covered	School psychology practices covered by the section are not included		School psychology practices covered by the section are listed but not explained	
Points	0		15	
Rights of Diverse Students	There is not description and analysis of how the ethical components in the section do or do not address the needs of students from diverse backgrounds		There 1 paragraph covering a description and analysis of how the ethical components in the section do or do not address the needs of students from diverse backgrounds	There are 2 paragraphs covering a description and analysis of how the ethical components in the section do or do not address the needs of students from diverse backgrounds
Points	0		25	75
Reflection	There is not a reflection on what was learned from this assignment		There is at least one paragraph with a reflection on what was learned from this assignment	
Points	0		10	
TOTAL			100	

E. **Ethics Case Simulation.** (100 points) Students will be assigned a role in a mock simulation involving NASP professional ethics and the instructional needs of a student and portray that role in a mock case meeting by:

1. Preparing for the role in advance of the simulation;
2. Identifying and describing the ethical problems in the situation;
3. Offering and explaining recommended next steps that are in the student's best interest;
4. Interacting in a professional manner with other students participating in the simulation.

Scoring Rubric for Ethics Case Simulation

Points			
Preparation	The student was not prepared for the role in advance of the simulation	The student was partially prepared for the role in advance of the simulation	The student was fully prepared for the role in advance of the simulation
<i>Points</i>	0	15	30
Ethical problems	The student neither identified nor described the ethical problems in the situation during the simulation	The student named but did not describe the ethical problems in the situation during the simulation	The student identified and described the ethical problems in the situation during the simulation
<i>Points</i>	0	15	30
Next Steps	The student did not recommend next steps that are in the mock student's best interest	The student recommended but did not explain the reasons for next steps that are in the mock student's best interest	The student recommended and explained the reasons for next steps that are in the mock student's best interest
<i>Points</i>	0	15	30
Professionalism	The student demonstrated nonprofessional behaviors during the simulation	The student interacted in a professional manner with others participating in the simulation	
<i>Points</i>	0	10	
TOTAL		100	

- F. **Ethics Simulation Reflection.** (50 points) Students will write a reflection paper about the ethics case simulation that includes:
1. Assigned simulation name and role;
 2. Description of the ethical problem included in the simulation as well as the NASP ethical standards that apply to the problem;
 3. Description of simulation events from assigned role's perspective;
 4. Description of ethical decision-making steps used during the simulation;
 5. Analysis of how well the simulation addressed and resolved the ethical problem according to NASP's ethical standards.

Scoring Rubric for Ethics Simulation Reflection

Points			
Name and Role	Neither the assigned simulation name nor role provided	Assigned simulation name or role provided	Assigned simulation name and role provided
Points	0	1	2
Ethical problems	There is neither a description of the ethical problem included in the simulation nor the NASP ethical standards that apply to the problem	There is a description of the ethical problem included in the simulation or the NASP ethical standards that apply to the problem	There is a description of the ethical problem included in the simulation as well as the NASP ethical standards that apply to the problem
Points	0	10	10
Simulation Events	There is no description of simulation events from assigned role's perspective	There is a partial description of simulation events from assigned role's perspective	There is a complete description of simulation events from assigned role's perspective
Points	0	10	10
Decision Making	There is no description of the ethical decision-making steps used during the simulation	There is a description of some of the ethical decision-making steps used during the simulation	There is a description of all the ethical decision-making steps used during the simulation
Points	0	10	10
Analysis	No analysis of how well the simulation addressed and resolved the ethical problem according to NASP's ethical standards is provided	There is 1 paragraph with analysis of how well the simulation addressed and resolved the ethical problem according to NASP's ethical standards	There are 2 or more paragraphs with analysis of how well the simulation addressed and resolved the ethical problem according to NASP's ethical standards
Points	0	9	18
TOTAL		50	

G. **Comparison of Alaska Educator Ethics and NASP Standards.** (150 points) Students will select a topic covered in both the Alaska Educator and NASP ethics and write a paper that explains how the two sets of ethics are similar and/or different and includes the following:

1. Numbers and name of the Alaska and NASP ethics sections included in the comparison;
2. Description of the school psychology practices covered in the selected Alaska Educator Ethics section;
3. Description of the school psychology practices covered in the selected NASP Standards section;
4. Description and analysis of how the selected sections of the Alaska Educator Ethics and NASP Standards are similar or different; and
5. A reflection on what was learned from this assignment.

Scoring Rubric for Comparison of Alaska Educator Ethics and NASP Standards

Points				
Section of Alaska Educator Ethics	Neither the number nor name of the Alaska Educator Ethics section are included		Number or name of the Alaska Educator Ethics section are included	Number and name of the Alaska Educator Ethics section are included
Points	0		5	10
Section of NASP Standards	Neither the number nor name of the NASP Standards section are included		Number or name of the NASP Standards section are included	Number and name of the NASP Standards section are included
	0		5	10
Alaska Ethics Practices Covered	School psychology practices covered by the section are not included		School psychology practices covered by the section are listed but not explained	School psychology practices covered by the section are listed and explained in detail
Points	0		10	20
NASP Standards Practices Covered	School psychology practices covered by the section are not included		School psychology practices covered by the section are listed but not explained	School psychology practices covered by the section are listed and explained in detail
Points	0		10	20
Description and Analysis	There is no description and analysis that explains how the Alaska Ethics and NASP Standards are similar and/or different	There is 1 paragraph with a description and analysis that explains how the Alaska Ethics and NASP Standards are similar and/or different	There are 2 paragraphs with a description and analysis that explains how the Alaska Ethics and NASP Standards are similar and/or different	There are 3 or more paragraphs with a description and analysis that explains how the Alaska Ethics and NASP Standards are similar and different
Points	0	25	50	75
Reflection	There is not a reflection on what was learned from this assignment		There is at least one paragraph with a reflection on what was learned from this assignment	
Points	0		15	
TOTAL	150			

H. **Ethics Case Study.** (100 points) Students will be given a summary of a school-based situation involving a possible ethical violation and write a detailed case study that includes:

1. Type of ethical violation
2. The people involved
3. All NASP Standards involved
4. The steps recommended to resolve the situation, and
5. Recommendations for follow-up steps (e.g., professional learning, report to licensing office, legal action).

Scoring Rubric for Ethics Case Study

Points				
Violation	There is no information about the type of violation	There is at least 1 sentence that summarizes the facts of the ethical situation	There is at least 1 paragraph that partially summarizes the facts of the ethical situation	There is at least 1 paragraph that accurately summarizes the facts of the ethical situation and indicates the type of violation.
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10	15
People	Neither the people nor their roles are included	There is a listing of all the people involved in the situation	There is a partial listing of all the people involved in the situation and their roles	There is a complete listing of all the people involved in the situation and their roles
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10	15
NASP Standard(s)	No information about the relevant NASP standards is included	The specific number(s) or section title(s) for the NASP standard(s) is/are included	The specific number(s) and section title(s) for the NASP standard(s) is/are included	The specific number(s) and section title(s) for the NASP standard(s) is/are included and accurate
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10	15
Steps	There is explanation of no more than 3 of the following steps: 1. Description 2. Guidelines 3. Factors 4. Supervision 5. Rights/Welfare 6. Alternatives 7. Consequences 8. Action	There is a detailed and accurate explanation of 4 of the following steps: 1. Description 2. Guidelines 3. Factors 4. Supervision 5. Rights/Welfare 6. Alternatives 7. Consequences 8. Action	There is a detailed and accurate explanation of 6 of the following steps: 1. Description 2. Guidelines 3. Factors 4. Supervision 5. Rights/Welfare 6. Alternatives 7. Consequences 8. Action	There is a detailed and accurate explanation of all the following steps: 1. Description 2. Guidelines 3. Factors 4. Supervision 5. Rights/Welfare 6. Alternatives 7. Consequences 8. Action
<i>Points</i>	0	20	30	40
Recommendations	No follow up recommendations are provided	There is 1 paragraph that provides details for recommended follow-up procedures	There are 2 paragraphs that provide details for recommended follow-up procedures	There are 3 or more paragraphs that provide details for recommended follow-up procedures
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10	15
TOTAL			100	

Course Policies

- a. Evaluation: Successful completion of all assignments.
- b. Grading Policy: Students will earn a letter grade based on the cumulative points assigned to each assignment as listed above.
- c. Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend and actively participate in all class meetings and to engage in the weekly course content in the Blackboard course. Student participation in class sessions will be assessed with the following standards: timeliness, attentiveness, showing respect to fellow colleagues and faculty, and timely communication as well as preparation for class discussions and activities. Students may miss one class without point penalty or prior approval.

Medical concerns are excused with proper documentation. Any other extenuating circumstances, outside of those outlined in the student handbook, that lead to an absence will need to be approved by the instructor to be considered excused. Scheduling conflicts with other courses, employment, or personal obligations will not be considered excused. For any absence in addition to the one missed class to be considered excused it will need to be properly documented and the documentation is required to be given (or scanned and emailed) to the instructor. An email informing the instructor of your intention to miss, or an explanation as to why you missed the class does not qualify as adequate documentation. Students who do not attend class cannot earn participation points for that day (other than the one missed class).

- d. Late Assignments and Make-up Policy: Assignments should be submitted in Blackboard on the date due. **Assignments can be submitted up to 1-week late for a 10% point penalty. Note that late submission of research proposal assignments will affect your feedback and subsequent submissions.** In the case of an illness, emergency, or unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from submitting your assignment on time, please contact the instructor in advance to discuss the possibility of an extension.
- e. Assignments: Students must complete the assignments listed in the syllabus. Detailed information and rubrics are found in the Blackboard course.
- f. Withdrawal: As a faculty member, I may initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who fail to meet the course participation and assignment requirements. Check the course calendar and schedule for specific requirements and due dates.
- g. Auditing: Auditors are students who enroll for informational instruction only. No credit is received for audited courses. The faculty member and student agree upon terms for auditing the course. Submission of papers for correction, grading, and participation in experiences are at the discretion of the instructor. Faculty may withdraw students if they fail to comply with the agreed-upon terms.

Communication Policies

Email

I may be reached by email at **[instructor email]**. I will make every attempt to reply to your email within 24 hours on weekdays. For the best response and to ensure it is not sent to my junk mail, please put the course ID **PSY A608**, your name, and your topic in the subject line.

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Instructional Continuity Plan

This syllabus and schedule is articulated as an expectation of class topics, learning activities, and expected student learning. However, the instructor reserves the right to make changes in this schedule that, within my professional judgment, would result in enhanced or more effective learning on the part of the students. These modifications will not substantially change the intent or objectives of this course and will be done within the policies and procedures of University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition, if there are sudden changes in case of an unexpected disruption such as a natural disaster, health crisis, or emergency communication through Blackboard announcements or university email will occur.

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Written Style Requirements

The Department of Psychology endorses the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) found in the APA *Publication Manual* (7th ed.). You can access information about the manual at the following website:

<http://www.apastyle.org> or visit the campus bookstore. All written assignments should be completed using a computer. All grammar and spelling should be checked and corrected.

Student Resources

[Consortium Library link](#)

[Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

[Informational Technology \(IT\) Services](#)

[Learning Commons](#)

[UAA Care Team](#)

UAA provides mental health services to support the academic success of students. The [Student Health and Counseling Center](#) and the [Psychological Services Center](#) both offer low cost, confidential services to help you manage personal challenges. Treatment for mental health problems is effective.. *Immediate help (24/7) is available through Alaska Careline: 877-266-4357 or at www.carelinealaska.com.*

University Policies

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PSY A618 School Psychology Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents

Course Information

- Course Title: Assessment I: Assessment with Children and Adolescents
- CRN #:
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term:
- Registration restriction: Admitted to the Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: Online synchronous sessions via Zoom and attendance for an on-campus weekend of instruction at the Anchorage campus
- Day and Time:

Catalog Course Description

Introduces assessment practices in the evaluation, selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of measures of academic, cognitive, and social-emotional functioning. Examines methods for using assessment practices that take into account an understanding of individual, contextual, and systemic factors that influence learning and wellness. Covers theories and purposes of assessment, legal and ethical considerations, family partnerships during the assessment process, and application of the problem-solving approach for data-based decision making.

Course Prerequisite/Co-requisites: PSY A615 with a minimum grade of B

Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:	How will this outcome be assessed	NASP Domains
1. Demonstrate understanding of the basic principles of psychological measurement to assess student outcomes in relation to interventions and special education eligibility.	Class discussions, practice administration of curriculum-based measures, final exam	1, 3, 4
2. Evaluate the role of reliability, validity, and other psychometric properties as they relate to the use of standardized, norm-referenced assessments to inform data-based decision making.	Class discussions, practice administration of curriculum-based measures, Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices, final exam	1, 8, 9
3. Understand and use a collaborative problem-solving model to provide the bases for legally defensible and ethical school-based assessments, including special education evaluations.	Class discussions, parent interview, Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices, final exam	1, 8, 10
4. Understand and select sources of information about student learning, behavior, and social emotional competence (e.g., record reviews, interviews, curriculum-based measures, and rating scales).	Class discussions, practice administration of curriculum-based measures, parent interview, final exam	1, 7, 8
5. Address the importance of collaborating with family members during all phases of school-based assessment with respect, humility, compassion, openness, and curiosity.	Parent interview, final exam	7, 8, 10
6. With supervision, demonstrate use of culturally informed sources of information about student learning, behavior, and adaptive competence, and interpret results as part of data-based decisions within an MTSS.	Class discussions, practice administration of curriculum-based measures, Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices, final exam	1, 3, 8
7. With supervision, communicate assessment findings with family members, students, and teachers in culturally informed, professional, and collaborative ways.	Class discussions, practice CBM report, Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices, final exam	7, 8, 10

Course Design

This course has 14 weekly synchronous sessions via Zoom and one in-person, on-campus meeting and uses Blackboard Ultra as a Learning Management System. This course requires additional time of student engagement to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments. Time expectations for higher education courses are typically three hours outside of class time per week per credit hour, thus 9 hours of outside class time per week is expected. This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts

- Harrison, P. L., Proctor, S. L., & Thomas, A. (Eds.). (2023). *Best practices in school psychology* (7th ed.). National Association of School Psychologists.
- Hosp, M. K., Hosp, J. L., & Howell, K. W. (2016). *The ABCs of CBM: A practical guide to curriculum-based measurement* (2nd ed.). Guilford Press.
- Wycoff, K., & Franzee, B. (2019). *Essentials of trauma-informed assessment and intervention in school and community settings*. Wiley Publishing.
- Ysseldyke, J.E., Chaparro, E.A., & VanDerHeyden, A.M. (2023). *Assessment in special and inclusive education* (14th ed.).

Course Calendar/Schedule

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard. Weekly reminders:

Week/Date	Topic	Readings (complete prior to class meeting)	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (Dates)	History of school-based assessment practices	Silva et al. (2021) Stiggins (2005) Ysseldyke et al., 2023, chapter 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Activity Posting
Week 2	Problem Solving and Assessment for Intervention	VanDerHeyden & Burns (2018)	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Activity Posting
Week 3	Sources of information	Ysseldyke et al., 2023, chapter 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Exit Ticket

Week/Date	Topic	Readings (complete prior to class meeting)	Activities/Assignments
			<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Activity Posting
Week 4	Legal Requirements	Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (2020), pp 17-40 Harrison et al. (2023), chapter 21 Ysseldyke et al., 2023, chapter 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Parent interview
Week 5	Conducting a record review	Harrison et al. (2023), chapter 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Permission/assent forms
Week 6	Assessment of Diverse Learners	Harrison et al. (2023), Vol 1 chapters 10 & 11 Ysseldyke et al., 2023, chapter 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Observe in a classroom
Week 7	Conducting interviews	Wycoff & Franzee (2019)	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Activity Posting
Week 8	Conducting individualized assessments	Harrison et al. (2023), chapters 9, 19, & 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Practice reading CBM <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices
Week 9	Reading CBM	Acadience reading manual Hosp, Hosp, & Howell (2016), chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Practice math CBM <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices
Week 10	Math CBM	Acadience math manual Harrison et al. (2023), chapter 7 & 8 Hosp, Hosp, & Howell (2016), chapters 7 & 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Practice writing CBM
Weeks 11 & 12 on campus weekend	Writing CBM	Hosp, Hosp, & Howell (2016), chapters 6 & 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Module <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Reading and math CBM due
Week 13	Adaptive assessments	Ysseldyke et al., chapter 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 13 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Writing CBM due
Week 14	Evaluating and interpreting results for data-based decision making	Miciak & Fletcher (2019) Hosp, Hosp, & Howell, chapter 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 14 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Sample ESER <input type="checkbox"/> CBM Report due

Week/Date	Topic	Readings (complete prior to class meeting)	Activities/Assignments
Week 15	Explaining evaluation results	Harrison et al. (2023), chapters 13 & 24 Ysseldyke et al., 2023, chapters 20 & 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Module <input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Exit Ticket <input type="checkbox"/> Week 15 Activity Posting <input type="checkbox"/> Study for final exam
Week 16 Final Week	Review	Review all assigned readings	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Exam

Required Readings (provided on Blackboard)

- Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. (2020, February). Guidance for special education personnel: Selected regulations and information regarding Alaska special education. https://education.alaska.gov/Media/Default/static/covid/AK_SPED_Handbook.pdf
- Fletcher, J. M., & Miciak, J. (2019). *The identification of specific learning disabilities: A summary of research on best practices*. Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk. <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED606380.pdf>
- Silva, M. R., Collier-Meek, M. A., Coddling, R. S., Kleinert, W. L., & Feinberg, A. (2021). Data collection and analysis in response-to-intervention: A survey of school psychologists. *Contemporary School Psychology*, 25, 554-571.
- Stiggins, R. (2005). From formative assessment to assessment FOR learning: A path to success in standards-based schools. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 87, 324-328.
- VanDerHeyden, A. M., & Burns, M. K. (2018). Improving decision making in school psychology: Making a difference in the lives of students, not just a prediction about their lives. *School Psychology Review*, 47(4), 385-395.

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Attendance	Students will attend scheduled synchronous online and the on-campus weekend class sessions.	10 points x 15 weeks = 150	Weekly
Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket	Students complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion.	5 points each x 15 weeks = 75	Weekly
Weekly Activities	Students will complete a weekly activity linked to course content, which will include either a response to questions posted online in the Learning Management System (LMS) or completion of an interactive activity linked with course content	5 points each x 15 weeks = 75	Weekly
Interview parent of child with IEP	Students will interview a parent of an Alaska child with an IEP using the questions posted online and write a report summarizing and analyzing the parent's experiences.	150	Week 4
Parent Permission and Child Assent	Students will submit signed parent permission and child assent for participation in practice curriculum-based measurement activity.	50	Week 5
Reading Curriculum-Based Measurement	Students will administer and score a practice assessment of assigned Acadience curriculum-based measures of reading with a school-age student.	50	Week 11
Math Curriculum-Based Measurement	Students will administer and score a practice assessment of assigned Acadience curriculum-based measures of math with a school-age student.	50	Week 11
Writing Curriculum-Based Measurement	Students will administer and score a practice assessment of curriculum-based measures of writing with a school-age student.	50	Week 12
CBM Report	Students will write a summary report of student performance on the reading, math, and writing CBM.	50	Week 14
Presentation about culturally informed assessment practices	Students will locate and synthesize research about culturally informed assessment practices and present the findings to the class.	100	Week 15
Final Exam	Students will complete a take-home final essay examination	200	Week 16
TOTAL Points		1000	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 1000
B	80-89%	800 - 899
C	70-79%	700 - 799
D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

Assignment Details

- A. Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket.** (15 x 5 = 75 points). Students complete 1-hour of asynchronous material each week and complete a short exit ticket to document completion.

Scoring Rubric for Weekly Modules + Exit Ticket

Points				
Exit Ticket	No exit ticket was submitted	Exit ticket is incomplete	Exit ticket is complete and reflects partial understanding from the module assignment	Exit ticket is complete and reflects accurate details from the module assignment
Points	0	1	2	3
Timeliness	Exit ticket was 7 or more days late.		Exit ticket was no more than 4 days late.	Exit ticket was on time.
Points	0		1	2
TOTAL	5			

- B. Weekly Activities.** (15 x 5 = 75 points) Students will complete a weekly activity linked to course content, which will include either a responses to questions posted online in the Learning Management System (LMS) or completion of an interactive activity linked with course content

Scoring Rubric for Weekly Activities

Points		
Exit Ticket	Weekly activity not completed	Weekly activity completed
Points	0	3
Timeliness	Activity completed after deadline	Activity completed on time
Points	0	2
TOTAL	5	

C. Parent Interview. (150 points). Each student will interview a parent (or guardian) of a child with an IEP using the following questions and write a report summarizing and analyzing the parent's experiences.

1. When was your child first referred to special education?
2. Who made the referral?
3. What were the concerns that led to the referral?
4. What is your child's special education eligibility category?
5. What assessment procedures were used as part of the comprehensive evaluation for your child? (if needed, prompt with the following)
 - a. Were you interviewed?
 - b. Were the teachers interviewed?
 - c. Were prior school records reviewed?
 - d. Was your child observed in the classroom?
 - e. Were individualized tests administered?
 - f. Were there other assessments used?
6. What services and specially designed instruction is included in your child's IEP?
7. How often does the teacher or another person from the school provide updates on your child's progress?
8. How helpful is your child's IEP in meeting their learning needs?
9. What else do you wish the school team knew about your child?
10. What, if any, other information about your experiences with special education services would you like to share?

Scoring Rubric for Parent Interview

Criteria		
Student's age	The student's current age is not listed at the top of the report	The student's current age is listed at the top of the report
Points	0	10
Student's grade	The student's current grade is not listed at the top of the report	The student's current grade is listed at the top of the report
Points	0	10
Interview questions	The interview questions and the parent's answers are not included in the report	The interview questions and the parent's answers are included in the report
Points	0	50
Analysis	There is no analysis of the parent's answers.	There are two or more paragraphs that analyze the parent's answers in relation to Alaska legal requirements for special education comprehensive evaluations
Points	0	50
Field Hours	The field experience spreadsheet is not completed	The student recorded the total hours spent and reflection on conducting the interview in the field experience spreadsheet
Points	0	10
Reflection	There is not a reflection paragraph	There is at least one paragraph that explains what was learned from the interview and what additional questions remain.
Points	0	20
TOTAL		150

- C. Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms.** (50 points) Students will obtain and submit both parent permission and child assent for a school-age student (ages 5-18) who will complete the practice curriculum-based measures. **These forms *must* be completed and submitted prior to conducting practice assessments.** Both parent permission and child assent are required. Use the child assent form that matches the child's age.

Scoring Rubric for Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms

Permission Forms	The parent permission and student assent forms are not submitted or they do not include all required information	All pages of the parent permission and student assent forms are submitted and include all required information
<i>Points</i>	0	50

- D. Reading Curriculum-Based Measurement.** (50 points). Each student will conduct a practice administration of the following Acadience reading CBMs:

1. First Sound Fluency
2. Phoneme Segmentation Fluency
3. Nonsense Word Fluency
4. Oral Reading Fluency

The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

1. Total items attempted
2. Number of errors
3. Number correct

Scoring Rubric for Acadience Reading

Criteria		
Completed Protocol	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are not submitted as a digital PDF file	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are submitted as a digital PDF file
<i>Points</i>	0	2
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol	A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol
<i>Points</i>	0	2
TOTAL ITEMS ATTEMPTED	The correct number of items attempted by the student is not provided	The correct number of items attempted by the student is provided
First Sound Fluency	0	3
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency	0	3
Nonsense Word Fluency	0	3
Oral Reading Fluency	0	3
ERRORS	The number of errors by the student is not provided	The number of errors by the student is not provided
First Sound Fluency	0	3
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency	0	3
Nonsense Word Fluency	0	3
Oral Reading Fluency	0	3
TOTAL CORRECT	The total correct items is not provided	The total correct items is provided
First Sound Fluency	0	3
Phoneme Segmentation Fluency	0	3
Nonsense Word Fluency	0	3
Oral Reading Fluency	0	3
TOTAL		50

E. Math Curriculum-Based Measurement. (50 points). Each student will conduct a practice administration of the following Acadience math CBMs:

1. Beginning Quantity Discrimination
2. Number Identification Fluency
3. Next Number Fluency
4. Advanced Quantity Discrimination
5. Missing Number Fluency
6. Computation

The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

- A. Total items attempted
- B. Number of errors
- C. Number correct

Scoring Rubric for Acadience Math

Criteria		
Completed Protocol	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are not submitted as a digital PDF file	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are submitted as a digital PDF file
<i>Points</i>	0	1
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol	A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol
<i>Points</i>	0	1
TOTAL ITEMS ATTEMPTED	The correct number of items attempted by the student is not provided	The correct number of items attempted by the student is provided
Beginning QD	0	3
Number Identification	0	3
Next Number	0	3
Advanced QD	0	3
Missing Number	0	3
Computation	0	3
ERRORS	The number of errors by the student is not provided	The number of errors by the student is provided
Beginning QD	0	3
Number Identification	0	3
Next Number	0	3
Advanced QD	0	3
Missing Number	0	3
Computation	0	3
TOTAL CORRECT	The total correct items is not provided	The total correct items is provided
Beginning QD	0	3
Number Identification	0	3
Next Number	0	3
Advanced QD	0	3
Missing Number	0	3
Computation	0	3
TOTAL	50	

6. Writing Curriculum-Based Measurement. (50 points). Each student will conduct a practice administration of writing CBM and score it using the following metrics:

- Total words written
- Words spelled correctly
- Correct word sequences

The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

- Total items attempted
- Number of errors
- Number correct

Scoring Rubric for CBM Writing

Criteria		
Completed Protocol	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are not submitted as a digital PDF file	All pages of the test protocol that were administered are submitted as a digital PDF file
Points	0	3
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol	A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol
Points	0	2
TOTAL ITEMS ATTEMPTED	The correct number of items attempted by the student is not provided	The correct number of items attempted by the student is provided
Total Words Written	0	5
Words Spelled Correctly	0	5
Correct Word Sequences	0	5
ERRORS	The number of errors by the student is not provided	The number of errors by the student is provided
Total Words Written	0	5
Words Spelled Correctly	0	5
Correct Word Sequences	0	5
TOTAL CORRECT	The total correct items is not provided	The total correct items is provided
Total Words Written	0	5
Words Spelled Correctly	0	5
Correct Word Sequences	0	5
TOTAL	50	

7. CBM Report (50 points). Students will write a summary report of student performance on the reading, math, and writing CBM. The report will follow a template posted by the instructor and analyze student scores in relation to available benchmarks and norms. The report will include the following:

- Information about the practice student, including a pseudonym, birthdate, enrolled grade, and grade level of CBM items administered.
- A table that summarizes the number of items attempted, errors, total number correct, and normative benchmark for all CBM reading subtests.
- Narrative summary of CBM reading scores.
- A table that summarizes the number of items attempted, errors, total number correct, and normative benchmark for all CBM math subtests.
- Narrative summary of CBM math scores.
- A table that summarizes the number of items attempted, errors, total number correct, and normative benchmark for all CBM writing scoring methods.
- Narrative summary of CBM writing scores.
- Overall summary of student's CBM performance compared with national benchmarks.
- Recommendations for the student based on CBM scores.

Scoring Rubric for CBM Report

Criteria					
Practice student information	There are not any details about the practice student.	The report includes , including 1 of the following details about the practice student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pseudonym • Birthdate • Enrolled grade • Grade level of CBM items administered 	The report includes , including 2 of the following details about the practice student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pseudonym • Birthdate • Enrolled grade • Grade level of CBM items administered 	The report includes , including 3 of the following details about the practice student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pseudonym • Birthdate • Enrolled grade • Grade level of CBM items administered 	The report includes , including all of the following details about the practice student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pseudonym • Birthdate • Enrolled grade • Grade level of CBM items administered
Points	0	4	6	8	10
Reading Summary Table	No table with the reading CBM data is provided	There is a table that includes the reading CBM number of items correct for:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sound Fluency • Phoneme Segmentation • Nonsense Words • Oral Reading fluency 	There is a table that includes the reading CBM number of items attempted, or total number correct for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sound Fluency • Phoneme Segmentation • Nonsense Words • Oral Reading fluency 	There is a table that includes the reading CBM number of items attempted, errors, and total number correct, for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sound Fluency • Phoneme Segmentation • Nonsense Words • Oral Reading fluency 	There is a table that includes all of the following reading CBM number of items attempted, errors, total number correct, and normative benchmark for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Sound Fluency • Phoneme Segmentation • Nonsense Words • Oral Reading fluency
Points	0	2	3	4	5
Narrative summary of reading scores	No summary of reading CBM scores is provided.	There is at least one sentence that explains or interprets the student's scores on the reading CBM.		There is at least one paragraph that explains and interprets the student's scores on the reading CBM.	
Points	0	3		5	
Math Summary Table	No table with the math CBM data is provided	There is a table that includes the math CBM number of items correct for:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Quantity Discrimination • Number Identification Fluency • Next Number Fluency • Advanced Quantity Discrimination • Missing Number Fluency • Computation 	There is a table that includes the math CBM number of items attempted, or total number correct for:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Quantity Discrimination • Number Identification Fluency • Next Number Fluency • Advanced Quantity Discrimination • Missing Number Fluency • Computation 	There is a table that includes the math CBM number of items attempted, and errors for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Quantity Discrimination • Number Identification Fluency • Next Number Fluency • Advanced Quantity Discrimination • Missing Number Fluency • Computation 	There is a table that includes all of the following math CBM number of items attempted, errors, and total number correct for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning Quantity Discrimination • Number Identification Fluency • Next Number Fluency • Advanced Quantity Discrimination • Missing Number Fluency • Computation
Points	0	2	3	4	5
Narrative summary of math scores	No summary of math CBM scores is provided.	There is at least one sentence that explains or interprets the student's scores on the math CBM.		There is at least one paragraph that explains and interprets the student's scores on the math CBM.	
Points	0	3		5	
Writing Summary Table	No table with the writing CBM data is provided	There is a table that includes the writing CBM number of items correct for:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Words Written • Words Spelled Correctly • Correct Word Sequences 	There is a table that includes the writing CBM number of items attempted, or total number correct for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Words Written • Words Spelled Correctly • Correct Word Sequences 	There is a table that includes the writing CBM number of items attempted, and errors for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Words Written • Words Spelled Correctly • Correct Word Sequences 	There is a table that includes all of the following writing CBM number of items attempted, errors, and total number correct for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Words Written • Words Spelled Correctly • Correct Word Sequences • Benchmark for each score
Points	0	2	3	4	5
Narrative summary of writing scores	No summary of writing CBM scores is provided.	There is at least one sentence that explains or interprets the student's scores on the writing CBM.		There is at least one paragraph that explains and interprets the student's scores on the writing CBM.	
Points	0	3		5	
Summary	No summary is provided	There is at least one sentence that summarizes the student's CBM scores.		There is at least one paragraph that summarizes and compares the student's CBM scores with available normative benchmarks.	
Points	0	3		5	
Recommendations	No recommendations are provided.	There is one recommended next step based on the CBM screening data.	There are 2 recommended next steps based on the CBM screening data.	There are 3 recommended next steps based on the CBM screening data.	There are 4 or more recommended next steps based on the CBM screening data.
Points	0	2	3	4	5
TOTAL	50				

8. Presentation about Culturally Informed Assessment Practices (100 points). Students will locate and synthesize research about culturally informed assessment practices and present the findings to the class. The presentation will include the following:

- a. Slides that include:
 - i. Overview of presentation
 - ii. Details from 5 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings
 - iii. Synthesis of information from all 5 studies
 - iv. Comparison of culturally informed assessment practices with traditional school psychology assessment practices
 - v. Specific recommendations for assessment practices
 - vi. Reflection on the assignment and what was most surprising in the findings
 - vii. List of references in APA format for all research articles reviewed
- b. Handout for classmates that includes
 - i. List of references in APA format for all research articles reviewed
 - ii. Summary of specific recommendations for assessment practices

Scoring Rubric for Presentation about Culturally Informed Assessment Practices

Criteria						
Overview	No overview is provided			There is a slide that provides a general overview of the topics covered in the presentation		
Points	0			5		
Details	No details from peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices,are included	Details from 1 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings are provided	Details from 2 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings are provided	Details from 3 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings are provided	Details from 4 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings are provided	Details from 5 peer-reviewed research studies about culturally informed assessment practices, including the research method and findings are provided
Points	0	5	10	15	20	25
Synthesis	No synthesis is provided		A synthesis that integrates the findings from some of the studies is provided		A synthesis that integrates the findings from all 5 studies is provided	
Points	0		5		10	
Comparison	No comparison is provided		A comparison of the findings from some of the studies with current/traditional school psychology practices is provided		A comparison of the findings from all 5 studies with current/traditional school psychology practices is provided	
Points	0		5		10	
Recommendations	No recommendations are provided	1 specific recommendation for providing culturally informed school psychology practices is provided	2 specific recommendations for providing culturally informed school psychology practices are provided	3 specific recommendations for providing culturally informed school psychology practices are provided	4 specific recommendations for providing culturally informed school psychology practices are provided	5 or more specific recommendations for providing culturally informed school psychology practices are provided
Points	0	5	10	15	20	25
Reflection	No reflection is provided			A reflection that includes what the student found most surprising is provided		
Points	0			5		
References	No references are included		There is a list of some but not all references or the list does not use APA (7th) formatting		There is a list in APA (7th) format of all 5 research studies reviewed	
Points	0		5		10	
Handout	No handout is provided		There is a handout provided for all class members that includes both a list of references in APA format for all research articles reviewed or a summary of specific recommendations for assessment practices, but not both		There is a handout provided for all class members that includes both a list of references in APA format for all research articles reviewed and a summary of specific recommendations for assessment practices	
Points	0		5		10	
TOTAL				100		

Course Policies

- a. Evaluation: Successful completion of all assignments.

- b. Grading Policy: Students will earn a letter grade based on the cumulative points assigned to each assignment as listed above.
- c. Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend and actively participate in all class meetings and to engage in the weekly course content in the Blackboard course. Student participation in class sessions will be assessed with the following standards: timeliness, attentiveness, showing respect to fellow colleagues and faculty, and timely communication as well as preparation for class discussions and activities. Students may miss one class without point penalty or prior approval. Students must attend the on-campus weekend as part of class content in order to pass the class. Substantial circumstances may be discussed with the instructor, and may require re-taking the class.

Medical concerns are excused with proper documentation. Any other extenuating circumstances, outside of those outlined in the student handbook, that lead to an absence will need to be approved by the instructor to be considered excused. Scheduling conflicts with other courses, employment, or personal obligations will not be considered excused. For any absence in addition to the one missed class to be considered excused it will need to be properly documented and the documentation is required to be given (or scanned and emailed) to the instructor. An email informing the instructor of your intention to miss, or an explanation as to why you missed the class does not qualify as adequate documentation. Students who do not attend class cannot earn participation points for that day (other than the one missed class).

- d. Late Assignments and Make-up Policy: Assignments should be submitted in Blackboard on the date due. **Assignments can be submitted up to 1-week late for a 10% point penalty.** In the case of an illness, emergency, or unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from submitting your assignment on time, please contact the instructor in advance to discuss the possibility of an extension.
- e. Assignments: Students must complete the assignments listed in the syllabus. Detailed information and rubrics are found in the Blackboard course.
- f. Withdrawal: As a faculty member, I may initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who fail to meet the course participation and assignment requirements. Check the course calendar and schedule for specific requirements and due dates.
- g. Auditing: Auditors are students who enroll for informational instruction only. No credit is received for audited courses. The faculty member and student agree upon terms for auditing the course. Submission of papers for correction, grading, and participation in experiences are at the discretion of the instructor. Faculty may withdraw students if they fail to comply with the agreed-upon terms.

Communication Policies

Email

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Instructional Continuity Plan

This syllabus and schedule is articulated as an expectation of class topics, learning activities, and expected student learning. However, the instructor reserves the right to make changes in this schedule that, within my professional judgment, would result in enhanced or more effective learning on the part of the students. These modifications will not substantially change the intent or objectives of this course and will be done within the policies and procedures of University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition, if there are sudden changes in case of an unexpected disruption such as a natural disaster, health crisis, or emergency communication through Blackboard announcements or university email will occur.

Telephone

Email is the best method of communication for receiving and sending correspondence. I also recommend accessing Blackboard for announcements and information about this course.

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This course may not be recorded (through video, audio, or photographs) without permission of the instructor.

Written Style Requirements

The Department of Psychology endorses the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) found in the *APA Publication Manual* (7th ed.). You can access information about the manual at the following website:

<http://www.apastyle.org> or visit the campus bookstore. All written assignments should be completed using a computer. All grammar and spelling should be checked and corrected.

Student Resources

[Consortium Library link](#)

[Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

[Informational Technology \(IT\) Services](#)

[Learning Commons](#)

[UAA Care Team](#)

UAA provides mental health services to support the academic success of students. The [Student Health and Counseling Center](#) and the [Psychological Services Center](#) both offer low cost, confidential services to help you manage personal challenges. Treatment for mental health problems is effective.. *Immediate help (24/7) is available through Alaska Careline: 877-266-4357 or at www.carelinealaska.com.*

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PSY A619 Assessment II: Cognitive and Academic Assessment

Course Information

- Course Title: School Psychology Assessment II: Cognitive and Academic Assessment
- Credits: 4 (2 + 4L)
- Term: Summer
- Registration restriction: Admitted to the Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: On-campus instruction at the Anchorage campus during summer term
- Day and Time:
Class: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 am
Lab Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Course fees

This course includes a \$150 course fee that is used to supplement costs of student's assessment protocols and assessment kits that are used in the course.

Catalog Course Description

Teaches students advanced skills for the selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of measures of academic and cognitive skills. Embedded within a problem-solving model, students conduct supervised assessments using broad academic achievement tests, and cognitive measures to address learning challenges among school-age children and adolescents. Focuses on the use of assessment data, along with other sources of information, to write comprehensive evaluation reports that are linked to students' learning needs

Course Prerequisite/Co-requisites: PSY A618 with a minimum grade of B.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Apply a collaborative problem-solving model to understand complex student needs and select appropriate nondiscriminatory assessments.		1, 7, 8, 10
2. Discuss and explain research related to culturally informed assessment practices, including various models for determining eligibility for special education services.		1, 8, 9, 10
3. Select, administer, score, and interpret academic and cognitive assessments as part of comprehensive evaluations.		1, 3, 8
4. Integrate other sources of information (e.g., record reviews, curriculum-based measurements, interviews, observations, rating scales) with findings from selected academic and cognitive assessments.		1, 7, 8
5. Write legally defensible comprehensive evaluation reports that are accessible and understandable for families, students, teachers, and others.		1, 8, 10
6. With supervision, communicate assessment findings with family members, students, and teachers in culturally informed, professional, and collaborative ways.		7, 8, 10

Course Design

This course will meet on the Anchorage campus during the first 5-week summer session and includes both classroom sessions to learn about various culturally inclusive assessment practices as well as practice testing sessions conducted through the UAA Psychological Service Center. In order to meet the required content time of a 4-credit course (2 + 4 Lab), students will participate in 6 hours per week of class (30 total) plus 6 hours per week of lab. It is expected that

students will spend time outside of class to complete required readings and written assignments. *Note: the time for this course is equivalent to a 4-credit course offered over a typical 16-week semester.*

This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts:

- Harrison, P. L., Proctor, S. L., & Thomas, A. (Eds.). (2023). *Best practices in school psychology* (7th ed.). National Association of School Psychologists.
- Schneider, W., Lichten, E. O., Mather, N., & Kaufman, N. L.. (2018). *Essentials of assessment report writing: Essentials of psychological assessment* (2nd ed.). Wiley Publishers.
- Ysseldyke, J.E., Chaparro, E.A., & VanDerHeyden, A.M. (2023). *Assessment in special and inclusive education* (14th ed.). Course Calendar/Schedule

Course Calendar

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard.

*Week 1 only includes 3 days of class (Tuesday - Thursday) whereas weeks 2-5 are Monday - Thursday

Week	Day	Topic	Readings (read prior to class on Monday)	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (May 25 - 31) (May 25 Memorial Day - no class)	W1 Class 1: Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00	Syllabus & Course Overview Culturally-inclusive School-based Assessments and Decision Making	Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (2020), pp 17-40 Ysseldyke et al. (2023), chapters 1, 2, 9 VanDerHeyden & Burns (2018)	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Discussion Board 1 <input type="checkbox"/> In-class Activity 1
	Lab 1: Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00	Orientation to the Psychological Services Clinic		<input type="checkbox"/> PSC Assessment Library Agreement and Check-out form <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
	W1 Class 2: Wed 9:00 - 12:00	School-based Assessment & Decision Making cont' Common Test Calculations: Chronological Age, Raw Score Conversions	Ysseldyke et al. (2023), chapters 4, 5, 6, 17, 21 Harrison et al. (2023), chapter 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Data-based Decision Making Activity (in-class)
	W1 Lab 2: Thursday 9:00 - 12:00	Introduction to Wechsler Tests (WISC-V, WAIS-IV, WPPSI-IV)		<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form

Week	Day	Topic	Readings (read prior to class on Monday)	Activities/Assignments
Week 2 (June 1 - June 7)	W2 Class 1:	Conducting Culturally Informed Cognitive Assessments	WISC-V manual WJ-COG manual Harrison et al. (2023), chapters 10 & 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Discussion Board 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Moc Cognitive Assessment (In-Class)
	W2 Lab 1:	WISC-V Administration w peers		<input type="checkbox"/> WISC-V practice administration <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
	W2 Class 2:	WISC-V and WJ-COG Scoring, Analysis and Interpretation	<i>Essentials of WISC-V chapters</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Activity (In-class)
	W2 Lab 2:	WISC-V Administration w/ child or adolescent		<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
Week 3 (June 8 - 14)	W3 Class 1:	Introduction to common broad achievement tests (WJ-ACH, WIAT-IV, KTEA, KBIT)	Holman et al., (2023) WJ-ACH or WIAT-IV manual Ysseldyke et al., chapters 12, 13, & 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Discussion Board 3 <input type="checkbox"/> WISC-V protocol due <input type="checkbox"/> WISC-V peer review due
	W3 Lab 1:	WJ-ACH administration w peers	NA	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
	W3 Class 2:	WJ-ACH Scoring, Analysis, and Interpretation	WJ-ACH Manual Fletcher & Miciak (2019)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Activity (In-Class)
	W3 Lab 2:	WJ-ACH or WIAT-IV administration w/ child or adolescent		<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form <input type="checkbox"/> WJ-ACH or WIAT-IV administration
Week 4	W4 Class 1:	Introduction to non-verbal assessments	Best Practices (2023), Vol 2, chapter 21 UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 assessment manual	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Discussion Board 4 <input type="checkbox"/> WJ-ACH or WIAT-IV protocol due <input type="checkbox"/> WJ-ACH or WIAT-IV peer review due
	W4 Lab 1:	UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 administration w peers		<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
	W4 Class 2:	UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 Scoring, Analysis, and Interpretation	UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 assessment manual	<input type="checkbox"/> Scoring Activity (In-Class)
	W4 Lab 2:	UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 administration w/ child or adolescent	(refer to manuals)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form
Week 5	W5 Class 1:	Writing Culturally Informed Evaluation Reports	Best Practices (2023), Vol 1, chapter 13 Schenider et al. (2018), chapters 3, 4, 6, 7 Hass & Carrie (2014) Hollman et al. (2023)	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Discussion Board 5 <input type="checkbox"/> UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 protocol due <input type="checkbox"/> UNIT-2 or CTONI-2 peer review due
	W5 Lab 1:	Evaluate and Practice Report Writing	(refer to manuals)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Participation Form

Week	Day	Topic	Readings (read prior to class on Monday)	Activities/Assignments
	W5 Class 2:	Communicating Results to Families and Schools with Accessibility and Utility	Ysseldyke et al., chapters 23, 24 Best Practices (2023), Vol 2, chapter 34	<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Question Prep
	W5 Lab 2:	Practice Mock IEP Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment Reflection <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Psychoeducational Evaluation Report

Required Readings:

- Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. (2020, February). Guidance for special education personnel: Selected regulations and information regarding Alaska special education. https://education.alaska.gov/Media/Default/static/covid/AK_SPED_Handbook.pdf
- Fletcher, J. M., & Miciak, J. (2019). *The identification of specific learning disabilities: A summary of research on best practices*. Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk. <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED606380.pdf>
- Hass, M., & Carriere, J. A. (2014). *Writing useful, accessible, and legally defensible psychoeducational reports*. DOI:10.1002/9781394260584.
- VanDerHeyden, A. M., & Burns, M. K. (2018). Improving decision making in school psychology: Making a difference in the lives of students, not just a prediction about their lives. *School Psychology Review*, 47(4), 385-395.

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Attendance	Students will attend scheduled on campus classes (10) and lab sessions (10) X points per class x 20 =	150	
Parent permission and child assent	Students will submit signed parent permissions and child assents for participation in 3 different practice assessment activities.	40	
Peer review of cognitive protocol	Students will conduct a peer-review of a classmate's examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the WISC-V	20	
Cognitive protocol	Students will administer, score, and submit the examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the WISC-V	150	
Peer review of academic protocol	Students will conduct a peer-review of a classmate's examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the WIAT-4	20	
Academic protocol	Students will administer, score, and submit the examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the WIAT-4	150	
Peer review of non-verbal protocol	Students will conduct a peer-review of a classmate's examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the UNIT-2 assessment	20	

<i>Assignments</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Non-verbal protocol	Students will administer, score, and submit the examiner protocol and student booklet for the core subtests of the UNIT-2 assessment	150	
Computer-based assessment protocol and score report	Students will administer, score, and submit the examiner protocol and student booklet for the standard battery subtests of the Woodcock-Johnson Fifth edition (WJ-V) Academic or Cognitive assessment	100	
Observed practice administration	Students will demonstrate mastery of selected assessments during an observed practice administration of subtests from those covered in the course.	100	
Practice evaluation report	Students will write a practice evaluation report based on the results of their practice WISC-V and academic assessment results.	100	
TOTAL Points		1000	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 1000
B	80-89%	800 - 899
C	70-79%	700 - 799
D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

- A. **Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms.** (50 points) Students will obtain and submit both parent permission and child assent for one, two, or three school-age students (ages 5-18). **These forms *must* be completed and submitted prior to conducting practice assessments.** Both parent permission and child assent are required. Use the child assent form that matches the child's age.

Scoring Rubric for Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms

Criteria		
Permission Forms	The parent permission and student assent forms are not submitted or they do not include all required information	All pages of the parent permission and student assent forms are submitted and include all required information
<i>Points</i>	0	40

- B. **Peer Review of Practice Assessment.** (20 points each). Each student will be assigned a classmate's practice protocol to review and check for administration and scoring errors on the WISC-V, WIAT-4, and UNIT-2 practice assessments. Students will use the administration and scoring manual for each assessment to review and provide feedback on the assigned protocol.

Scoring Rubric for Peer Review of Practice Assessment

Criteria			
Student details	No details about the practice student including the student's pseudonym, date of birth and grade are not checked and noted	Some details about the practice student including the student's pseudonym, date of birth and grade are checked and noted	All details about the practice student including the student's pseudonym, date of birth and grade are checked and noted
<i>Points</i>	0	5	10
Score accuracy	The scores for subtests were not checked with an indicator of accuracy nor any variations noted in the protocol	The scores for some subtests were checked with an indicator of accuracy or any variations noted in the protocol	The scores for all subtests were checked with an indicator of accuracy or any variations noted in the protocol
<i>Points</i>	0	10	20
General Feedback	There is a no feedback summary that provides details about errors noted in the protocol	There is a feedback summary that provides details about some errors noted in the protocol	There is a feedback summary that provides details about all errors noted in the protocol
	0	5	10
TOTAL		20	

C. **Cognitive Assessment for Children (Hand-Scored)**. (150 points). Each student will conduct a practice administration of the core subtests of one of the following cognitive assessments for school-age children, score the protocol, and submit it for evaluation. NOTE THAT THIS PROTOCOL MUST BE HAND SCORED.

- Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children, Second Edition Normative Update (KABC-II NU)
- Wechsler Individual Scale for Children, Fifth Edition (WISC-V)

Students must earn at least 145 points on the protocol in order to receive credit for the assignment. Revision and resubmission is allowed. The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

1. Graduate student's name
2. Pseudonym for practice student
3. Real date of birth for practice student
4. Real date of testing
5. Accurate basal item for all subtests administered
6. Accurate ceiling item for all subtests administered
7. Accurate raw score for all subtests administered
8. Accurate standard score for all subtests administered
9. Accurate 95% confidence interval for all subtests administered
10. Accurate percentile rank all subtests administered
11. Accurate standard score for all indices/composites in the core battery
12. Accurate 95% confidence interval for all indices/composites in the core battery
13. Accurate percentile rank for all indices/composites in the core battery
14. Accurate full-scale standard score
15. Accurate full-scale 95% confidence interval
16. Accurate full-scale percentile rank

WISC-V PROTOCOL RUBRIC ON NEXT PAGE

C. **WIAT-4 Protocol**. (150 points). Each student will conduct a practice administration of the core composite subtests of the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test, Fourth Edition, hand score the protocol, and submit it for evaluation. NOTE THAT THIS PROTOCOL MUST BE HAND SCORED. Students must earn at least 145 points on the WIAT-IV protocol in order to receive credit for the assignment. Revision and resubmission is allowed. The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

1. Graduate student's name
2. Pseudonym for practice student
3. Real date of birth for practice student
4. Real date of testing
5. Accurate basal, ceiling, and raw score totals as well as accurate standard scores, confidence intervals, and percentile ranks for the 6 or 7 tests in the Standard Battery:

K-1	2-3	4-12
Word Reading	Word Reading	Word Reading
Reading Comprehension	Reading Comprehension	Reading Comprehension
Alphabet Writing Fluency	Spelling	Spelling
Spelling	Sentence Composition	Sentence Composition
Math Problem Solving	Math Problem Solving	Essay Composition
Numerical Operations	Numerical Operations	Math Problem Solving
		Numerical Operations

6. Accurate standard scores, confidence intervals, and percentile ranks for the reading, writing, and math composites

Scoring Rubric for Hand-Scored Cognitive Protocol

Criteria		
Examiner Protocol	All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are not submitted	All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are submitted
Points	0	5
Student Protocol	All pages of the student protocol that were completed are not submitted as a digital PDF file	All pages of the student protocol that were completed are submitted as a digital PDF file
Points	0	5
Graduate Student's Name	Graduate student's name is not on protocol	Graduate student's name is on protocol
Points	0	5
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol	A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol
Points	0	5
Birthdate	The practice student's real birthdate is not on the protocol	The practice student's real birthdate is on the protocol
Points	0	5
Testing Date	The actual testing date is not on the protocol	The actual testing date is on the protocol
Points	0	5
Subtest Basal Items		The accurate basal item was administered for all subtests included
Points		10
Subtest Ceiling Items		The accurate ceiling item was administered for all subtests included
Points		10
Subtest Raw Scores		The accurate raw score is calculated for all subtests administered
Points		10
Subtest Standard Scores		The accurate standard score is calculated for all subtests administered
Points		10
Subtest Confidence Interval		The accurate 95% confidence interval is calculated for all subtests administered
Points		10
Subtest Percentile Rank		The accurate percentile rank is calculated for all subtests administered
Points		10
Index/Composite Standard Score		The accurate standard score is calculated for all core indices/composites
Points		10
Index/Composite Confidence Interval		The accurate 95% confidence interval is calculated for all core indices/composites
Points		10
Index/Composite Percentile Rank		The accurate percentile rank is calculated for all core indices/composites
Points		10
Full Scale Standard Scores		The accurate standard score is calculated for the full-scale score
Points		10
Full Scale Confidence Interval		The accurate 95% confidence interval is calculated for the full-scale score
Points		10
Full Scale Percentile Rank		The accurate percentile rank is calculated for the full-scale score
Points		10
TOTAL		150

Scoring Rubric for WIAT-4 Protocol

Criteria						
Examiner Protocol	All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are not submitted as a digital PDF file			All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are submitted as a digital PDF file		
Points	0			2		
Student Protocol	All pages of the student protocol that were completed are not submitted as a digital PDF file			All pages of the student protocol that were completed are submitted as a digital PDF file		
Points	0			2		
Graduate Student's Name	Graduate student's name is not on protocol			Graduate student's name is on protocol		
Points	0			1		
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol			A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol		
Points	0			1		
Birthdate	The practice student's real birthdate is not on the protocol			The practice student's real birthdate is on the protocol		
Points	0			2		
Testing Date	The actual testing date is not on the protocol			The actual testing date is on the protocol		
Points	0			2		
Subtest Accuracy	Basal		Ceiling		Raw Score	
	Basal item is not correct	Basal item is correct	Ceiling item is not correct	Ceiling item is correct	Raw score is not correct	Raw score is correct
1. Word Reading	0	3	0	3	0	3
2. Reading Comprehension	0	3	0	3	0	3
3. Spelling	0	3	0	3	0	3
4. Alphabet/Sentence/Essay	0	3	0	3	0	3
5. Math Problem Solving	0	3	0	3	0	3
6. Numerical Operations	0	3	0	3	0	3
Subtest and Composite Score Computation Form	Standard Score		Confidence Interval		Percentile Rank	
	Standard Score is not correct	Standard Score is correct	Confidence Interval is not correct	Confidence Interval is correct	Percentile Rank is not correct	Percentile Rank is correct
1. Word Reading	0	3	0	3	0	3
2. Reading Comprehension	0	3	0	3	0	3
3. Spelling	0	3	0	3	0	3
4. Alphabet/Sentence – or --	0	3	0	3	0	3
5. Sentence/Essay	0	3	0	3	0	3
6. Math Problem Solving	0	3	0	3	0	3
7. Numerical Operations	0	3	0	3	0	3
Reading Composite	0	3	0	3	0	3
Writing Composite	0	3	0	3	0	3
Mathematics Composite	0	3	0	3	0	3
Subtest & Composite Score Computation Form	The form includes errors in one or more of the following:			The form includes correct information for all of the following:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student pseudonym Grade Age Test Date Norms 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student pseudonym Grade Age Test Date Norms 		
Points	0			5		
TOTAL				150		

D. UNIT-2 Protocol. (150 points) Each student will conduct a practice administration of the core composite subtests of the Universal Nonverbal Intelligence Test, Second Edition, hand score the protocol, and submit it for evaluation. NOTE THAT THIS PROTOCOL MUST BE HAND SCORED. Students must earn at least 145 points on the UNIT-2 protocol in order to receive credit for the assignment. Revision and resubmission is allowed. The required information to be included on the practice protocol is:

1. Graduate student's name
2. Pseudonym for practice student
3. Real date of birth for practice student
4. Real date of testing
5. Accurate basal, ceiling, and raw score totals as well as accurate standard scores, confidence intervals, and percentile ranks for the 6 subtests:
 - Symbolic Memory
 - Nonsymbolic Memory
 - Analogic Reasoning
 - Spatial Memory
 - Numerical Series
 - Cube Design
6. Accurate standard scores, confidence intervals, and percentile ranks for the 6 composites:
 - Memory
 - Reasoning
 - Quantitative
 - Standard Battery With Memory
 - Standard Battery Without Memory
 - Full Scale Battery

UNIT-2 SCORING PROTOCOL ON NEXT PAGE

Scoring Rubric for UNIT-2 Protocol

Criteria						
Examiner Protocol	All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are not submitted as a digital PDF file			All pages of the examiner protocol that were administered are submitted as a digital PDF file		
Points	0			5		
Graduate Student's Name	Graduate student's name is not on protocol			Graduate student's name is on protocol		
Points	0			4		
Pseudonym for practice student	A pseudonym for the practice student is not on the protocol			A pseudonym for the practice student is on the protocol		
Points	0			4		
Birthdate	The practice student's real birthdate is not on the protocol			The practice student's real birthdate is on the protocol		
Points	0			4		
Testing Date	The actual testing date is not on the protocol			The actual testing date is on the protocol		
Points	0			4		
Subtest Accuracy	Basal		Ceiling		Raw Score	
	Basal item is not correct	Basal item is correct	Ceiling item is not correct	Ceiling item is correct	Raw score is not correct	Raw score is correct
1. Symbolic Memory	0	2	0	2	0	2
2. Nonsymbolic Quantity	0	2	0	2	0	2
3. Analogic Reasoning	0	2	0	2	0	2
4. Spatial Memory	0	2	0	2	0	2
5. Numerical Series	0	2	0	2	0	2
6. Cube Design	0	2	0	2	0	2
Standard Score Accuracy	Standard Score		Score Range		Percentile Rank	
	Standard score is not correct	Standard score is correct	Confidence interval is not correct	Confidence interval is correct	Percentile rank is not correct	Percentile rank is correct
1. Symbolic Memory	0	2	0	2	0	2
2. Nonsymbolic Quantity	0	2	0	2	0	2
3. Analogic Reasoning	0	2	0	2	0	2
4. Spatial Memory	0	2	0	2	0	2
5. Numerical Series	0	2	0	2	0	2
6. Cube Design	0	2	0	2	0	2
Index Score Accuracy	Standard score is not correct	Standard score is correct	Confidence interval is not correct	Confidence interval is correct	Percentile rank is not correct	Percentile rank is correct
	0	3	0	3	0	3
Memory	0	3	0	3	0	3
Reasoning	0	3	0	3	0	3
Quantitative	0	3	0	3	0	3
Standard Battery with Memory	0	3	0	3	0	3
Standard Battery without Memory	0	3	0	3	0	3
Full Scale	0	4	0	4	0	4
TOTAL			150			

E. Observed Practice Test Administration (100 points). Students will demonstrate mastery of selected assessments during an observed practice administration of subtests from those covered in the course. The practice test administration will be conducted individually with each student and the instructor will select 3 subtests from those covered during the course and the student will administer each one to a teaching assistant while the instructor observes the administration. In order to earn credit for this assignment, the student must make no more than 2 administration errors on each subtest. If the student makes more than 2 errors on a subtest, the observed practice test administration can be repeated up to 3 times.

Scoring Rubric for Observed Practice Test Administration

Criteria		
Rapport	Student does not welcome the practice student to the testing session appropriately and/or does not establish rapport before the testing begins.	Student welcomes the practice student to the testing session appropriately and establishes rapport before the testing begins.
<i>Points</i>	0	25
Subtest 1 Administration Accuracy	Student administers the selected subtest with 3 or more errors.	Student administers all steps of the selected subtest with no more than 2 errors.
<i>Points</i>	0	25
Subtest 2 Administration Accuracy	Student administers the selected subtest with 3 or more errors.	Student administers all steps of the selected subtest with no more than 2 errors.
<i>Points</i>	0	25
Subtest 3 Administration Accuracy	Student administers the selected subtest with 3 or more errors.	Student administers all steps of the selected subtest with no more than 2 errors.
<i>Points</i>	0	25
TOTAL	100	

F. Practice Evaluation Report. (200 points) Students will write a sample evaluation report that summarizes the results of either the practice WISC-V or UNIT-2 and the WIAT-4 assessments. The report will take into consideration the needs of individuals from diverse linguistic, cultural, ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, and ability backgrounds. The students will use a report template provided by the instructor to write the report. A student must earn at least 190 points on this assignment to pass the course. Revision and resubmission are allowed. The requirements for the practice report are as follows:

1. Header which includes the word CONFIDENTIAL
2. Student's name
3. Student's grade
4. Student's birthdate
5. Date(s) of testing
6. Chronological age (based on the last testing date)
7. Examiner name and credentials
8. Referral question
9. Student background information
10. Assessments administered
11. Observations during assessment and statement of validity
12. Observation in the classroom
13. WISC-V or UNIT-2 assessment results table with the following data for all subtests given and for the index scores:
 - a. standard score
 - b. confidence interval
 - c. percentile rank
14. Analysis of WISC-V or UNIT-2 data
15. WIAT-IV assessment results table with the following data for all subtests given and for the composite scores:
 - a. standard score
 - b. confidence interval
 - c. percentile rank
16. Analysis of the WIAT-IV data
17. Summary of all data (i.e., background, observation, assessment results)
18. Recommendations
19. Signature

Scoring Rubric for Practice Evaluation Report

Criteria						
Confidential Header	A CONFIDENTIAL header does not appear on each page			A CONFIDENTIAL header appears on each page		
Points	0			5		
Student's Name	A made-up student name is not included			A made-up student name is included		
Points	0			5		
Student's Grade	The made-up student's grade is not included			The made-up student's grade is included		
Points	0			5		
Student's Birthdate	The real birthdate for the student is not included			The real birthdate for the student is included		
Points	0			5		
Examiner Name and Credentials	The graduate student's and degrees are not included			The graduate student's and degrees are included		
Points	0			5		
Referral Question	A made-up referral question that matches the results is not included			A made-up referral question that matches the results is included		
	0			10		
Student Background Information--	No student background is included	1 paragraph that describes a fictional student background that includes where the student first attended school or the number of years in the current school, or the student's grades from the prior grade		2 paragraphs that describe a fictional student background that includes where the student first attended school, and/or the number of years in the current school, and/or the student's grades from the prior grade	3 or more paragraphs that describe a fictional student background that includes where the student first attended school, the number of years in the current school, and the student's grades from the prior grade	
Points	0	10		20	30	
Assessments Administered	A list of the required assessments is not included			A list of the required assessments is included		
Points	0			5		
Assessment Observations and Validity	A paragraph with a real testing observation summary is not included			A paragraph with a real testing observation summary is included		
Points	0			5		
Classroom Observation Summary	A paragraph with a made-up classroom observation summary is not included			A paragraph with a made-up classroom observation summary is included		
Points	0			5		
WISC-V or UNIT-2 Results Table	A table with either the WISC-V or UNIT-2 standard scores, confidence intervals and percentile ranks for all subtests and indices is not included			A table with either the WISC-V or UNIT-2 standard scores, confidence intervals and percentile ranks for all subtests and indices is included		
Points	0			20		
WISC-V or UNIT-2 Results Analysis	A paragraph that summarizes either the WISC-V or UNIT-2 results is not included			A paragraph that summarizes either the WISC-V or UNIT-2 results is included		
Points	0			20		
WIAT-IV Results Table	A table with the WIAT-IV standard scores, confidence intervals and percentile ranks for all subtests and composites is not included			A table with the WIAT-IV standard scores, confidence intervals and percentile ranks for all subtests and composites is included		
Points	0			20		
WIAT-IV Results Analysis	A paragraph that summarizes the WIAT-IV results is not included			A paragraph that summarizes the WIAT-IV results is included		
Points	0			20		
Summary of all data	No summary paragraph is included	1 summary paragraph is included		2 summary paragraphs which explain the key findings and clinical impressions are included	3 or more summary paragraphs which explain the key findings and clinical impressions are included	
Points	0	10		20	30	
Recommendations	No instructional recommendation is included	1 instructional recommendation is included	2 instructional recommendations are included	3 instructional recommendations are included	4 instructional recommendations are included	5 or more instructional recommendations are included
Points	0	1	2	3	4	5
Signature	The graduate student's typed name is not included			The graduate student's typed name is included		
Points	0			5		
TOTAL	200					

Course Policies

- a. Evaluation: Successful completion of all assignments.
- b. Grading Policy: Students will earn a letter grade based on the cumulative points assigned to each assignment as listed above.
- c. Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend and actively participate in all class meetings and to engage in the weekly course content in the Blackboard course. Student participation in class sessions will be assessed with the following standards: timeliness, attentiveness, showing respect to fellow colleagues and faculty, and timely communication as well as preparation for class discussions and activities. Students may miss one class without point penalty if they obtain approval from the course instructor. If a student misses more than one class session it might be necessary to complete make-up assignments or repeat the course. Medical concerns are excused with proper documentation. Any other extenuating circumstances, outside of those outlined in the student handbook, that lead to an absence will need to be approved by the instructor to be considered excused. Scheduling conflicts with other courses, employment, or personal obligations will not be considered excused. For any absence to be considered excused it will need to be properly documented and the documentation is required to be given (or scanned and emailed) to the instructor. An email informing the instructor of your intention to miss, or an explanation as to why you missed the class does not qualify as adequate documentation. Students who do not attend class cannot earn participation points for that day .
- d. Late Assignments and Make-up Policy: Assignments should be submitted in Blackboard on the date due. In the case of an illness, emergency, or unforeseen circumstance that prevents you from submitting your assignment on time, please contact the instructor in advance to discuss the possibility of an extension. See 'f' below for assignment policy.
- e. Assignments: Students must complete the assignments listed in the syllabus. Detailed information and rubrics are found in the Blackboard course. The assignments in this course prepare future school psychologists to complete culturally appropriate psychological assessments to meet professional standards. Completing all of the course assignments with at least 90% accuracy is necessary to earn credit for the course. Due to the highly interactive nature of this course, students who miss class or lab for any reason may have to repeat the course and/or complete make-up assignments.
- f. Withdrawal: As a faculty member, I may initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who fail to meet the course participation and assignment requirements. Check the course calendar and schedule for specific requirements and due dates.
- g. Auditing: Auditors are students who enroll for informational instruction only. No credit is received for audited courses. The faculty member and student agree upon terms for auditing the course. Submission of papers for correction, grading, and participation in experiences are at the discretion of the instructor. Faculty may withdraw students if they fail to comply with the agreed-upon terms.

Communication Policies

Email

I may be reached by email at **[instructor email]**. I will make every attempt to reply to your email within 24 hours on weekdays. For the best response and to ensure it is not sent to my junk mail, please put the course ID ([PSY A618]), your name, and your topic in the subject line.

Email is used as the primary mode of communication in this class. **It is your responsibility to check your UAA email regularly for messages.** At the beginning of the semester, check to be sure UAA Blackboard emails are not collecting in your junk email folder. If this does happen, open the email and select the option to mark the sender as approved/safe.

Instructional Continuity Plan

This syllabus and schedule is articulated as an expectation of class topics, learning activities, and expected student learning. However, the instructor reserves the right to make changes in this schedule that, within my professional judgment, would result in enhanced or more effective learning on the part of the students. These modifications will not substantially change the intent or objectives of this course and will be done within the policies and procedures of University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition, if there are sudden changes in case of an unexpected disruption such as a natural disaster, health crisis, or emergency communication through Blackboard announcements or university email will occur.

Telephone

Email is the best method of communication for receiving and sending correspondence. I also recommend accessing Blackboard for announcements and information about this course.

Blackboard Learn

Blackboard is an Internet-based learning management system that provides student and faculty interaction. You will use Blackboard to gain access to the course materials, assignments, and other important items related to this course. Blackboard is the tool used to obtain announcements, assignment criteria, course and class changes and updates, due dates, discussion forums, etc., as outlined in the syllabus. [Firefox](#) and [Chrome](#) are the recommended browsers to access Blackboard. You can access [Blackboard Learn](#) directly or from the [UAA website](#) Quick Links. Enter your username and password to see your courses in Blackboard.

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This course may not be recorded (through video, audio, or photographs) without permission of the instructor.

Written Style Requirements

The Department of Psychology endorses the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) found in the *APA Publication Manual* (7th ed.). You can access information about the manual at the following website: <http://www.apastyle.org> or visit the campus bookstore. All written assignments should be completed using a computer. All grammar and spelling should be checked and corrected.

Student Resources

[Consortium Library link](#)

[Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

[Informational Technology \(IT\) Services](#)

[Learning Commons](#)

[UAA Care Team](#)

UAA provides mental health services to support the academic success of students. The [Student Health and Counseling Center](#) and the [Psychological Services Center](#) both offer low cost, confidential services to help you manage personal challenges. Treatment for mental health problems is effective.. *Immediate help (24/7) is available through Alaska Careline: 877-266-4357 or at www.carelinealaska.com.*

University Policies

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PSY/SWK/EDSE A691 Children's Mental Health Systems of Care

Course Information

- Course Title: PSY/SWK/EDSE A691 Children's Mental Health Systems of Care
- CRN #: 51241-551/51240-551/51370-551
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term: Summer 2024

Instructor Information

- Name: Hattie Harvey, PhD
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- Email: haharvey@alaska.edu;
- Office Location: NSB 228
- Office Hours: by virtual appointment

Course Meeting Information

- This course is asynchronous, there is not a class meeting time. The course requires weekly reading, assignments, and eLearning modules.

Catalog Course Description

Examines systems of care as a coordinated network of home, community, and school-based services and supports that are multidisciplinary and in partnership with children, youth and families. Addresses the individual needs of families to promote healthy development and meet the challenges of children and youth with mental and behavioral health needs.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Describe key components of a systems of care approach to supporting the mental and behavioral health needs of children, youth, and their family system, including a focus on cultural contexts.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of how federal and state legislation and policies impact children's mental health systems of care.
3. Differentiate and evaluate evidence-based promotion, prevention and intervention programs across settings (home, community, school).
4. Locate local, state and national resources related to children's mental and behavioral health.
5. Argue a rationale for a comprehensive system of care to promote healthy development and address mental and behavioral health needs of children and youth.

NASP Domains Addressed

- Domain 4: Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions
- Domain 6: Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools
- Domain 7: Family, School, and Community Collaboration
- Domain 8: Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations

Course Design

This is a web-based eLearning course using Blackboard for asynchronous interactions. All assignments will be submitted in Blackboard and I will communicate with you through weekly Blackboard announcements, individual feedback on assignments, and individual emails as needed. You will be required to interact with your peers in your blackboard discussion group and for your group project. Synchronous meetings or phone calls can be arranged by appointment or via office hours.

PSY A691 meets the requirements for an elective course in the M.S. in Clinical Psychology and in the Master of Social Work, and is a required course for the Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health.

Course Materials and Required Textbook

This course uses a variety of Open-Educational Resources (OERs), all of which are available on the Blackboard course.

Selected chapters from the following text (all available on Blackboard):

- Piles, S. A. (2010). *Building a systems of care: A primer* (2nd ed.). Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development.

Course Calendar/Schedule

Due Date and Submission Information:

- ☐ For this class, each week begins on a Monday and ends on a Sunday evening.
- ☐ **Weekly learning modules are due by 11:59pm** on Sunday of each week. This include a combination of videos, assigned readings, lecture, and a culminating knowledge check.
- ☐ **Discussion assignments** –All 1st posts are to be completed by Sunday of each week, and you have up to 1 week to respond to your peers. **Group Discussion 1st posts will not be accepted late.**

<i>Week/Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings & Activities</i>	<i>Assignments Due (by Sunday 11:59pm)</i>
Week 1 May 20 - 26	Guiding Principles and of Children's Mental Health Systems of Care Cultural and Linguistic Competence and Humility	Week 1 Module Piles, S. A. text – Introduction & Part I (p 1-38) Douglas, N. (2015). Services for children with mental illness: A systems of care approach. In N. Douglas, J. Owens, & L. J. Berlin (Eds.) <i>Children's Mental Health: Strategies for Providing High Quality and Cost Effective Care</i> . Center for Child and Family Policy at Duke University. Miller et al. (2013). Sustaining and expanding systems of care to provide mental health services for children, youth, and families across America. <i>American Journal of Community Psychology</i> , 49, 566-579.	<input type="checkbox"/> Start HERE Module (due 5/26) <input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 Module (due 5/26)
Week 2 May 27- June 2	Children's Mental Health in Circumpolar North and the Alaska Context	Week 2 Module Alaska Department of Family and Community Services. (2023, April). <i>Overview of Alaska's behavioral health system of care for children</i> . U.S. Department of Justice Investigation in Alaska's Behavioral Health System for Children (2021) Bornstein, M. H. (2013, October 12). Parenting and child mental health: A	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 Module (due 6/2) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board #1 <input type="checkbox"/> Submit for Community Interview Approval

Week/Date	Topic	Readings & Activities	Assignments Due (by Sunday 11:59pm)
		<p>cross-cultural perspective. <i>World Psychiatry</i>, 12(3), 258–265.</p> <p>Ullrich, J. (2019). For the love of our children: an Indigenous connectedness framework. <i>AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples</i>, 15(2), 121-130.</p>	
Week 3 June 3 - 9	Trauma-Informed Care and Multidisciplinary Approaches to Children's Mental Health	<p>Week 3 Module</p> <p>Complex Trauma in Children and Adolescents (2023). National Child Traumatic Stress Network)</p> <p>Bartlett, J. D., Smith, S., & Bringewatt, E. (2017). <i>Helping young children who have experienced trauma: Policies and strategies for early care and education</i>. Child Trends.</p> <p>Palfrey, N., Ryan, R. & Reay, R. E. (2023). Implementation of trauma-specific interventions in a child and adolescent mental health service. <i>Journal of Child and Family Studies</i>, 32, 1722–1735.</p> <p>Practical Guide for Implementing a Trauma-Informed Approach (2023, June). SAMSHA</p> <p>Strategies to Improve Mental Health Care for Children and Adolescents (2016), SAMSHA</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 Module (due 6/9)
Week 4 June 10 - 16	Federal and State Legislation and Policies Affecting Children's Mental Health	<p>Week 4 Module</p> <p>Department of Justice Settlement Report with Anchorage School District</p> <p>Restraint and Seclusion Resource Document, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>New Laws to Combat Youth Mental Health Crisis (2023), Edweek</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 Module (due 6/16) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board #2 <input type="checkbox"/> Passion Project Plan Sign-up

Week/Date	Topic	Readings & Activities	Assignments Due (by Sunday 11:59pm)
		Protecting Youth Mental Health: U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory (2021) School-Based Medicaid	
Week 5 June 17 - 23	Public Health: Promotion, Prevention and Intervention Part I: CDC, Department of Health and Human Services, Parental Incarceration, Child Welfare	Week 5 Module University of Minnesota Extension Children, Youth and Family Consortium. (2012, January). <i>The impact of trauma on infants: Research summary</i> . Children, Youth & Family Consortium Children's Mental Health eReview, Child Welfare Series. [PDF Newsletter] Poehlmann, J., Dallaire, D., Loper, A. B., & Shear, L. D. (2010). Children's contact with their incarcerated parents: Research findings and recommendations. <i>The American Psychologist</i> , 65(6), 575–598	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5 Module (due 6/23) <input type="checkbox"/> Passion Project Plan Overview
Week 6 June 24 - 30	Public Health: Promotion, Prevention and Intervention Part II: Juvenile Justice System, Behavioral Health Services and Primary Care	Week 6 Module National Academies text (2017), p. 31 – 40 King, D. (2023, April). <i>The continuum of Adolescent Behavioral Healthcare in Alaska: DOH Behavioral Health Roadmap Presentation</i>. Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association. Huber, B. J. et al. (2016). Overcoming barriers to rural children's mental health: An interconnected systems public health model. <i>Advances in School Mental Health Promotion</i> , 9, 219 – 241.	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6 Module (due 6/30) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board #3 <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interview
Week 7 July 1 - 7	Community and Home-Based Services Part I: Early Childhood Systems of Care	Week 7 Module Alaska's Early Childhood Environmental Scan (2020)	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7 Module (due 7/7)

Week/Date	Topic	Readings & Activities	Assignments Due (by Sunday 11:59pm)
		Alaska' Early Care and Learning System (2023) Early Childhood Systems Building Resource Guide (2023), Childcare Technical Assistance Center Reducing Early Childhood Exclusionary Practices in Alaska (2020) Corr, C., Santos, R. M. (2017). Not in the same sandbox": Cross-systems collaborations between early intervention and child welfare systems. <i>Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal</i> , 34, 9–22.	
Week 8 July 8 - 14	Community and Home-Based Services Part II: Behavioral Health Evidence-Based Interventions; Families Psychosocial Interventions	Week 8 Module Garland, A. F., et al (2013). Improving community-based mental health care for children: Translating knowledge into action. <i>Administration and policy in mental health</i> , 40(1), 6–22.	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 8 Module (due 7/14) <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board #4
Week 9 July 15 - 21	School-Based Mental Health Part I: Evidence-based Approaches - Multitiered Systems of Support and Interconnected Systems Framework	Week 9 Module Kilgus, S. P., Reinke, W. M., & Jimerson, S. R. (2015). Understanding mental health intervention and assessment within a multi-tiered framework: Contemporary science, practice, and policy. <i>School Psychology Quarterly</i> , 30(2), 159–165. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) reading (TBD) Weist et al. (2022). A randomized control trial on the interconnected systems framework for school mental health and PBIS. <i>Journal of School Psychology</i> , 94, 49-65.	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 9 Module (due 7/21)
Week 10 July 22 - 28	School-Based Mental Health Part II: Trauma-Engaged Schools;	Week 10 Module	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 10 Module (7/28)

Week/Date	Topic	Readings & Activities	Assignments Due (by Sunday 11:59pm)
	Connectedness; Behavioral Health in Schools; Leveraging School-Based Medicaid	<p>Transforming Schools: A Trauma-Engaged Framework for Alaska Schools (Department of Education and Early Development).</p> <p>Comprehensive School-Based Mental and Behavioral Health Services and School Psychologists (2021), NASP</p> <p>Lyon, A. R. et al. (2019). Collaborative care to improve access and quality in school-based behavioral health. <i>Journal of School Health</i>, 89, 1013-1023.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Board #5
Week 11 July 29 – Aug 3	Exam Week		<input type="checkbox"/> Passion Projects (due 8/1)

Course Assignments

Note: Detailed descriptions and rubrics for ALL assignments are on your Blackboard course shell.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Start HERE Module: Course Overview	Complete the Start HERE module. Includes a meet and greet discussion board post and a participation form.	10	May 26
Weekly Learning Modules + Knowledge Checks	Complete a weekly learning module, which includes a combination of readings, videos, website exploration and a knowledge check quiz to demonstrate your understanding and completion of the module. Points are earned for the module (by completing a participation form) and completion of the Knowledge Check Quiz.	10 modules x 5 points = 50 10 quizzes x 10 points = 100	Weekly
Collaboration in Systems of Care Activities (posted on discussion board)	Complete a total of 5 discussion boards that are reflective of the course topics with a specific focus on collaboration across systems of care and application of best practices. The group discussion assignments are built into learning modules. You may respond with either written or a video response. ALL first posts are due on by <u>Sunday evening</u> (at the end of the module) and you have 1	5 x 10 points each = 50	1 – 6/2 2 – 6/16 3 – 6/30 4 – 7/14 5 – 7/28

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
	week to respond to a peers question. Late first posts are not accepted but you can reply for partial credit (up to 3 points).		
Community Person of Interest (formerly Stakeholder) Interview and Presentation	<u>First</u> , you will conduct background research on and choose an agency/organization of interest in CMH systems of care (i.e., Social Work, Education, Early Childhood MH, Juvenile Justice, Psychology, Counseling, Public Health, OCS, Native Associations, etc.). You may review the list of options listed in Blackboard. <u>Second</u> , you will interview a person of interest from this system and create a visual presentation of your choice reflecting your findings (choices for presentations are provided on Blackboard). Guiding interview questions are provided and you will also create your own questions based on your research. You will create to artifacts: 1) written interview summary and 2) add to our class google slides presentation summarizing key points from your interview.	25 (Write up) 25 (Presentation)	Approval – 6/2 Written Interview Summary – 6/30 Interview Presentation on Google Slides – 6/30
Systems of Care Passion Project (Group or Individual)	You will develop an applied systems of care Passion Project (PP), identifying a current issue related to children’s mental health systems of care. Your PP should be personally meaningful and transformative and be readily meaningful within a school district or community agency. The goal of the project is to use systems of care principles and CMH evidence-based promotion, prevention, or intervention practices to positively impact children, youth, and families. In addition, your PP should reflect authoritative and research supported CMH theories and best practices tied clearly to content covered in this class.	75	Signup 6/16 Plan 6/23 Final 8/1
Total Points		335	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	301.5+
B	80-89%	268-301
C	70-79%	234.5-267
D	60-69%	201-234

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
F	< 60%	<201

Course Policies

- a. Evaluation: Successful completion of all assignments.
- b. Grading Policy: Students will earn a letter grade based on the cumulative points assigned to each assignment as listed above. Note that all final grades will be posted on Blackboard grade center.
- c. Attendance Policy: Online courses require active participation. Your instructor is required to verify attendance for financial aid and other purposes. Attendance in online courses is first determined by login dates until the first engagement activity commences. Common engagement activities include discussion forum posts, live chat sessions, and assignment submissions. Simply logging in periodically will, therefore, not count as attendance in this course.
- d. Late Assignments/Make-up Policy: Assignments should be submitted in Blackboard on the date due. Forgetting or missing the assignment deadline is not an exceptional circumstance. **Assignments can be submitted up to 2-weeks late for a 20% point penalty.** Note that group discussion first posts are not accepted late due to the nature of the assignment, but replies can be posted for partial credit (5 points).

To be eligible for full credit on assignments, assignments must be submitted to the instructor by the due date/time specified in this syllabus. **Late and make-up assignments will not be accepted for full credit except in cases of documented severe illness, situations that have the prior approval of the instructor and/or situations that the instructor agrees were wholly unavoidable circumstances and beyond the control of the student.** Documentation of severe illnesses or circumstances that have dramatically and negatively impacted the student's life must be submitted to the course instructor at the student's earliest opportunity to be considered viable. Having a positive COVID-19 test is not in and of itself considered a severe illness unless the student provides medical documentation of experiencing illness which prevents them from completing course requirements. It is the student's responsibility to contact the course instructor to explain the circumstances and determine the potential of late and make-up assignments acceptance and it is solely the student's responsibility to obtain and submit supporting documentation to the course instructor.

- e. Assignments: Students must complete the modules and assignments listed in the syllabus. Detailed information and rubrics are found on blackboard.
- f. Withdrawal: As a faculty member, I may initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who fail to meet the course participation and assignment requirements. Check the course calendar and schedule for specific requirements and due dates.
- g. Auditing: Auditors are students who enroll for informational instruction only. No credit is received for audited courses. The faculty member and student agree upon terms for auditing the course. Submission of papers for correction, grading, and participation in experiences are at the discretion of the instructor. Faculty may withdraw students if they fail to comply with the agreed-upon terms.

Communication Policies

Email

I may be reached by email at haharvey@alaska.edu. I will make every attempt to reply to your email within 24 hours on weekdays. For the best response and to ensure it is not sent to my junk mail, please put the course ID ([**PSY or SWK A691**]), your name, and your topic in the subject line. For example: PSY A348, John Smith, Observation Question. Sign your email with your first and last name.

Email is used as the primary mode of communication in this class. **It is your responsibility to check your UAA email regularly for messages.** At the beginning of the semester, check to be sure UAA Blackboard emails are not collecting in your junk email folder. If this does happen, open the email and select the option to mark the sender as approved/safe.

Instructional Continuity Plan

This syllabus and schedule is articulated as an expectation of class topics, learning activities, and expected student learning. However, the instructor reserves the right to make changes in this schedule that, within my professional judgment, would result in enhanced or more effective learning on the part of the students. These modifications will not substantially change the intent or objectives of this course and will be done within the policies and procedures of University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition, if there are sudden changes in case of an unexpected disruption such as a natural disaster, health crisis, or emergency communication through Blackboard announcements or university email will occur.

Telephone

Email is the best method of communication for receiving and sending correspondence. I also recommend accessing Blackboard for announcements and information about this course.

Blackboard Learn

Blackboard is an Internet-based learning management system that provides student and faculty interaction. You will use Blackboard to gain access to the course materials, assignments, and other important items related to this course. Blackboard is the tool used to obtain announcements, assignment criteria, course and class changes and updates, due dates, discussion forums, etc., as outlined in the syllabus. [Firefox](#) and [Chrome](#) are the recommended browsers to access Blackboard. You can access [Blackboard Learn](#) directly or from the [UAA website](#) Quick Links. Enter your username and password to see your courses in Blackboard.

For technical assistance, contact the UAA Call Center at 786-4646 or 1-877-633-3888, visit [Blackboard Support](#), or view the information in Student Help (in your Blackboard course) for more information on using Blackboard Learn.

Written Style Requirements

The Department of Psychology endorses the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) found in the *APA Publication Manual* (6th ed.). You can access information about the manual at the following website: <http://www.apastyle.org> or visit the campus bookstore. All written assignments should be completed using a computer. All grammar and spelling should be checked and corrected.

STUDENT RESOURCES

[Learning Commons](#)

[UAA Care Team](#)

[Consortium Library link](#)

[Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#)

The [Student Health and Counseling Center and the Psychological Services Center](#) both offer low cost, confidential services to help you manage personal challenges. Immediate help (24/7) is available through Alaska Careline: 877-266-4357 or at www.carelinealaska.com.

[Informational Technology \(IT\) Services](#)

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a basic principle that requires that students only take credit for ideas and efforts that are their own. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty are defined as the submission of materials in assignments, examinations, or other academic work

that a student has submitted for a course may not be resubmitted for credit in another course without the knowledge and advance permission of the instructor. For more information, visit <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/dean-of-students/academic-integrity/index.cshhtml> <https://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/ahi/uaa-apu-policies-and-procedures/>

ADA Policy

The provision of equal opportunities for students who experience disabilities is a campus-wide responsibility and commitment. UA system is committed to the goal of providing each qualified student an equal opportunity to pursue a college education regardless of disability. Efforts will be made toward meeting reasonable requests for services to students with disabilities eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Disabilities Support Services (DSS) is the designated UAA department responsible for coordinating academic support services for students who experience disabilities. To access support services, students must contact DSS (786-4530 or 786-4536 TTY) and provide current documentation that supports the requested services. Additional information may be accessed at the DSS Office or online at <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/disability-support-services/>.

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Incomplete Grades

Religious Holiday or Cultural Observance Policy

If a class meeting occurs on a religious holiday or cultural observance day and you are obligated to miss class for this event, you must notify the instructor in writing by the end of the second week of the semester.

Safety on Campus

Notice of Nondiscrimination and Title IX)

Student Code of Conduct



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PSY A663 Academic Supports and Interventions

Course Information

- Course Title: Academic Supports and Interventions
- CRN #:
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term:
- Registration restriction: Admitted to the Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: Online synchronous sessions via Zoom and attendance for an on-campus weekend of instruction at the Anchorage campus
- Day and Time:

Catalog Course Description

Prepares school psychologists to collaborate with families, teachers, and others to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based academic interventions that consider the biological, cultural, and social influences on academic skills. Focuses on the design, implementation, fidelity, progress monitoring and evaluation of instructional accommodations, modifications, and interventions within a multitiered system of supports (MTSS) to promote successful academic outcomes.

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Student Learning Outcomes

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At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:	How will this outcome be assessed	NASP Domains
1. Describe the history of the multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) model and evidence-based academic interventions.		2, 3
2. Consult and collaborate with families and other building-level educators within an MTSS framework in the design, delivery, and monitoring of academic supports and interventions, including a review of core instruction and interventions.		1, 5
3. Use and interpret curriculum-based measures (CBM) for data-based decision making to identify students' academic learning needs with an MTSS framework (i.e., universal, targeted, intensive).		2, 3
4. Critically analyze research on academic interventions and determine appropriateness based on individual and contextual factors.		1, 4
5. Differentiate between curriculum and instructional modifications, adaptations and strategic intervention for meeting academic performance goals.		3
6. Use a variety of data sources to design, deliver, and evaluate academic accommodations, modifications, and interventions that are culturally informed, evidence-based, and aligned with students' learning needs.		2, 3, 4
7. Identify intervention fidelity evaluation tools and use them to review intervention fidelity.		2, 3

8. Write reports that summarize student intervention outcomes and communicate results and recommendations to families, educators, and other team members.		5, 7
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NASP Domains Addressed

Domain 2: Consultation and Collaboration

Domain 3: Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports

Domain 5: School-Wide Practices to Support Learning

Course Design

This course has weekly synchronous sessions via Zoom and uses Blackboard as a Learning Management System. This course requires additional time of student engagement to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments. Time expectations for higher education courses are typically three hours outside of class time per week per credit hour, thus 9 hours of outside class time per week is expected. This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts:

- Brown-Chidsey, R., & Wilkinson, S. (In press). *Practical handbook of multi-tiered systems of support: Building integrated academic and behavioral success in schools (2nd. ed.)*. Guilford Press.
- Bryant, D. P. (Ed.). (2021). *Intensifying mathematics interventions for struggling students*. Guilford Press.
- Graham, S., MacArthur, C. A., & Hebert, M. A. (2018). *Best practices in writing instruction (3rd ed.)*. Guilford Press.
- Shapiro, E. S., & Clemens, N.H. (2023). *Academic skills problems: Direct assessment and intervention (5th ed.)*. Guilford Press.
- Wanzek, J., Al Otaiba, S., McMaster, K. L. (2020). *Intensive reading interventions for the elementary grades*. Guilford Press.

List of Required Readings (listed after course calendar)

Course Calendar/Schedule

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard. Weekly reminders:

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (Dates)	History and purpose of academic interventions in schools	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 2, 3, 4 Shapiro & Clemens, chapter 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session
Week 2 (Dates)	Features of culturally informed and effective academic interventions	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 17 Shapiro & Clemens, chapters 2, 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Submit parent permission and student assent forms
Week 3 (Dates)	Research on evidence-based academic interventions: The instructional hierarchy and instructional routines	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 15, 16 Shapiro & Clemens, chapters 4, 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Select specific skill for intervention lessons
Week 4 (Dates)	Reading interventions	Wanzek et al., chapters 1, 2, 3, 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Submit draft lesson plan
Week 5 (Dates)	Math interventions	Bryant (Ed.), chapters 1, 2, 4, 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session
Week 6 (Dates)	Writing interventions	Graham et al, chapters 1, 9, 15, 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Submit final lesson plans
Week 7 (Dates)	Study skills interventions	Shapiro & Clemens, chapters 6, 7, 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Begin intervention and progress monitoring
Week 8 (Dates)	Progress monitoring methods	Acadience Learning website and materials Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 22, 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Continue intervention and progress monitoring
Week 9 (Dates)	Prevention-based academic supports: Multi-tiered system of supports	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 6, 7, 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Continue intervention and progress monitoring

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 10 (Dates)	Case Examples	Shapiro & Clemens, chapter 9 Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapter 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Continue intervention and progress monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Submit draft case study report
Week 11 (Dates)	Intervention logistics	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 14, 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Continue intervention and progress monitoring
Week 12 (Dates)	Interpreting progress monitoring data	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapter 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Continue intervention and progress monitoring
Week 13 (Dates)	Using intervention data in evaluation reports	Brown-Chidsey & Wilkinson, chapters 27, 28, 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Work on final case study report
Week 14 (Dates)	Final Presentations	As assigned by students	<input type="checkbox"/> Readings <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Zoom session <input type="checkbox"/> Submit final case study report

Required Readings:

Acadience Learning. (n.d.). <https://acadiencelearning.org/acadience-reading/k-grade6/>

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Attendance	Students will attend scheduled video-conference (Zoom) and on campus class sessions.	150	
Parent permission and child assent	Students will submit signed parent permission and child assent forms for participation in an academic intervention.	50	
Problem-solving interview with parent(s) and/or teacher(s)	Students will conduct an interview with the practice child's parent(s) and/or teacher(s) that incorporates knowledge and demonstration of culturally informed consultation practices. The interview will focus on identifying the child's learning strengths and preferences as well as learning needs in relation to the child's cultural and linguistic heritage.	200	
Intervention literature review	Students will locate and synthesize at least 5 peer-reviewed articles that describe research findings for studies of a specific academic intervention program or method. The research findings will be summarized in a formal written paper that explains the methods and findings from each article as well as the appropriateness of the intervention for students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.	150	
Academic intervention plan	Students will develop an intervention plan that utilizes the findings from the problem-solving interview and intervention literature review with a focus on developing an intervention that reflects the student's strengths and learning needs. The intervention plan will provide details for intervention implementation including who will implement lessons, their frequency and duration, and what progress measure will be used to evaluate intervention outcomes.	150	
Problem solving case study report	Students will write a problem solving case study report that summarizes the components and outcomes of the academic intervention. The problem-solving report will be evaluated according to the NCSP Problem-Solving Report Rubric and describe (1) foundational elements, (2) problem identification, (3) problem analysis, (4) intervention, and (5) evaluation.	300	
TOTAL Points		1000	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 100
B	80-89%	800 - 899
C	70-79%	700 - 799
D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

Assignments

- A. **Attendance and Participation in Synchronous Zoom Sessions.** (10 x 15 = 150 points). This is a skill development course and participation is essential in order for students to access and benefit from the planned activities. All students are expected to attend and participate in 3 synchronous Zoom sessions. If a student does not attend any sessions, zero points will be awarded.

Scoring Rubric for Synchronous Zoom Sessions

Criterion	Points		
Engagement	Student did not attend session	Student attended but did not participate in session	Student attended and participated in all session activities by talking, posting on the discussion board, or other activities
<i>Points</i>	0	10	15
TOTAL	15		

- B. **Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms.** (50 points) Students will obtain and submit both parent permission and child assent for one school-age students (ages 5-18) who will participate in an academic intervention with progress monitoring. **These forms *must* be completed and submitted prior to conducting practice assessments.** Both parent permission and child assent are required. Use the child assent form that matches the child's age.

Scoring Rubric for Parent Permission and Student Assent Forms

Permission Forms	The parent permission and student assent forms are not submitted or they do not include all required information	All pages of the parent permission and student assent forms are submitted and include all required information
<i>Points</i>	0	50
TOTAL	50	

- C. **Draft Lesson Plan.** (50 points). Students will draft one reading, math, writing, or study skills lesson to be used in the Intervention and Progress Monitoring Project. The draft lesson plan will be submitted using a template posted by the instructor in and provide the following information:

- Specific skill to be learned
- Rationale for teaching this skill to your student
- The correction procedures for all types of student errors in the lesson
- The progress measure to use with the lesson
- Lesson script for 1 (first) lesson that includes
 - What the teacher does and says;
 - The correct student responses; and
- All printable student learning materials created for the lesson (if any)

The score for this assignment is temporary and will be replaced by the final reading unit and lesson plan score.

SCORING RUBRIC FOR DRAFT LESSON PLAN ON NEXT PAGE

Scoring Rubric for Draft Lesson Plan

Criterion	Points		
Specific Skill	Specific skill to be taught not included	Specific skill to be taught listed but not described	Specific skill to be taught listed and described
Points	0	3	5
Rationale	No rationale is included.	There is at least one paragraph that explains the student's learning need.	There is at least one paragraph that explains the student's learning need and how the selected skill instruction will address it.
Points	0	3	5
Progress Measure	No progress measure is listed.	A progress measure is listed but is either not appropriate or there is no explanation for how it aligns with the specific skill to be taught	An appropriate progress measure is listed with an explanation for how it aligns with the specific skill being taught.
Points	0	3	5
Lesson Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a detailed narrative script that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script that includes both of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses
Points	0	15	30
Correction Procedure	A correction procedure for student errors that includes the exact words the teacher must say is not included.		A correction procedure for student errors that includes the exact words the teacher must say is included.
	0		5
Student Materials	All student forms are not included in the lesson document.		All student forms are included in the lesson document.
Noted	Absent		Present
TOTAL	50		

D. **Series of 6 Lesson Plans.** (300 points). Students will review the instructor feedback on the draft reading, math, writing, or study skills lesson and make corrections as needed and then write 5 additional lessons using the same format. The final lesson plans will be submitted using a template posted by the instructor in and provide the following information:

- Specific skill to be learned
- Rationale for teaching this skill to your student
- The correction procedures for all types of student errors in the lesson
- The progress measure to use with the lesson
- Lesson script for 6 lessons that includes
 - What the teacher does and says;
 - The correct student responses; and
- All printable student learning materials created for the lesson (if any)

SCORING RUBRIC FOR SERIES OF 6 LESSON PLANS ON NEXT PAGE

Scoring Rubric for 6 Lesson Plans

Criterion	Points				
Specific Skill	Specific skill to be taught not included		Specific skill to be taught listed but not described		Specific skill to be taught listed and described
Points	0		10		20
Rationale	No rationale is included.		There is at least one paragraph that explains the student's learning need.		There is at least one paragraph that explains the student's learning need and how the selected skill instruction will address it.
Points	0		10		20
Progress Measure	No progress measure is listed.		A progress measure is listed but is either not appropriate or there is no explanation for how it aligns with the specific skill to be taught		An appropriate progress measure is listed with an explanation for how it aligns with the specific skill being taught.
Points	0		10		20
Lesson 1 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 1 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 1 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 1 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Lesson 2 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 2 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 2 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 2 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Lesson 3 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 3 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 3 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 3 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Lesson 4 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 4 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 4 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 4 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Lesson 5 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 5 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 5 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 5 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Lesson 6 Script	No script for the lesson activities is included.	There is a narrative script for lesson 6 that includes 1 of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a narrative script for lesson 6 that includes some of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	There is a detailed narrative script for lesson 6 that includes all of the following: 1. What the teacher does and says 2. The correct student responses	
Points	0	10	20	30	
Correction Procedures	No correction procedures are included.		A correction procedure with the exact teacher script for all one lesson activity is described.		Correction procedures that include the exact teacher scripts for all 6 lesson activities are described.
Points	0		30		60
Student Materials	All student forms are not included in the lesson document.			All student forms are included in the lesson document.	
Noted	Absent			Present	
TOTAL	300				

E. Case Study Report. (300 points). Students will obtain written permission from a school-age child and their parent(s) and then implement a series of 6 reading, math, writing or study skills lessons created for the above assignment. In addition, the student will conduct weekly progress monitoring using an appropriate measure. The student will submit a draft and a final version of a written report about the case study intervention and progress data. The draft report will include selected report sections and the final report will include all the report sections.

The DRAFT report will include the following sections:

1. Background history of student that includes the following:
 - Pseudonym
 - Date of birth
 - Current age
 - Current grade
 - Date when reading problems began
 - Description of reading problems
2. Hypothesis of the reason for the skill deficits
3. Specific skill to be taught in the lessons
4. Explanation for why the intervention was selected and how it is expected to address the observed problem
5. Intervention frequency (lessons/week) and duration (minutes/lesson)
6. Appropriate progress measure used and description of how it measures the intervention skill

The FINAL report will include revised versions of the above and the following sections:

7. Graph displaying the following:
 - X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection
 - Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure
 - At least 3 baseline data points
 - At least 6 intervention data points
 - A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score
8. Detailed description that summarizes the student's progress data, including the effect size.
9. Recommended next steps to help the student
10. Reflection on the intervention process and what you would do differently in the future

SCORING RUBRIC FOR REPORT ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Scoring Rubric for Case Study Report

Criteria							
Background History	None of the following are included: Pseudonym Date of birth Current age Current grade Date when problem began Description of problem	1 of the following are included: Pseudonym Date of birth Current age Current grade Date when problem began Description of problem	2 of the following are included: ● Pseudonym ● Date of birth ● Current age ● Current grade ● Date when problem began ● Description of problem	3 of the following are included: ● Pseudonym ● Date of birth ● Current age ● Current grade ● Date when problem began ● Description of problem	4 of the following are included: Pseudonym Date of birth Current age Current grade Date when problem began Description of problem	5 of the following are included: Pseudonym Date of birth Current age Current grade Date when problem began Description of problem	All 6 of the following are included: ● Pseudonym ● Date of birth ● Current age ● Current grade ● Date when problem began ● Description of problem
Points	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
Hypothesis	An hypothesis of the reason for the problem is not included			An hypothesis of the reason for the problem is included			
Points	0			20			
Specific Skill	Specific skill to be taught not included			Specific skill to be taught listed but not described		Specific skill to be taught listed and described	
Points	0			10		20	
Explanation	Explanation of why intervention was selected is not included			Explanation of why intervention was selected is included			
Points	0			30			
Frequency & Duration	The frequency and duration of the intervention are not included			The frequency and duration of the intervention are included			
Points	0			10			
Progress Measure	The specific approved progress measure used to collect weekly progress data is not described			An appropriate progress measure used to collect weekly progress data is listed but not described		An appropriate progress measure used to collect weekly progress data is listed and described	
Points	0			10		20	
Graph	Either no graph or a graph that displays none of the following: X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure At least 3 baseline data points At least 6 intervention data points A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	A graph that displays 1 of the following: X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure At least 3 baseline data points At least 6 intervention data points A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	A graph that displays 2 of the following: X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure At least 3 baseline data points At least 6 intervention data points A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	A graph that displays 3 of the following: X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure At least 3 baseline data points At least 6 intervention data points A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	A graph that displays 4 of the following: X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure At least 3 baseline data points At least 6 intervention data points A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	A graph that displays all 5 of the following: ● X axis labeled with dates of progress data collection ● Y axis labeled with the range of possible point values on the progress measure ● At least 3 baseline data points ● At least 6 intervention data points ● A goal line drawn from the students last baseline data point to the goal score	
Points	0	10	20	30	40	50	
Descriptive Summary	No description of outcomes is included	1 sentence with a description of outcomes is included		1 paragraph with a description of outcomes is included		2 or more paragraphs with a description of outcomes that describe the student's progress and the effect size is included	
Points	0	10		20		40	
Next Steps	No recommended next steps are included	1 recommended next step is included		A list of 2 recommended next steps is included		A list of 3 or more recommended next steps is included	
Points	0	10		20		30	
Reflection	There is not a final section of the report that includes a personal reflection about the intervention process and what things could be changed in the future			There is a final section of the report that includes a personal reflection about the intervention process and what things could be changed in the future			

<i>Points</i>	0	20
TOTAL	300	

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PSY A621 School Crisis Prevention, Intervention, and Response

Course Information

- Course Title: PSY A621 School Crisis Prevention, Intervention, and Response
- CRN #:
- Credits: 3, Graded A-F
- Term: Summer Year 1

Instructor Information

- Name:
- Telephone:
- Email:
- Office Location:
- Office Hours:

Course Meeting Information

- Location: On campus
- Day and Time: This course requires weekly reading, assignments, and eLearning modules. There are two workshops that are built into the course (PREPaRE 3rd Edition Workshops 1 & 2) that require completion of pre/posttests and will award a total of 21 CEUs to participants.

Catalog Course Description

Introduces crisis prevention, intervention, and response and the role of the school psychologist in an educational setting with relation to the multitiered system of support (MTSS) framework. Uses the PREPaRE framework to develop an in-depth understanding of the prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery in crisis situations. Adapts and applies crisis response to inform recovery and support within school psychology practice.

Course Prerequisite/Co-requisites: Admitted to the Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist

Special Note: Requires completion of PREPaRE Workshop 1 (7 hrs) & PREPaRE Workshop 2 (13 hrs)

Student Learning Outcomes

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At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:	How will this outcome be assessed	NASP Domains
1. Understand the role of the school psychologist in emergency management and crisis preparation.	PREPaRE Workshop 1 Certificate PREPaRE Workshop 2 Certificate Discussion Board	
2. Conduct suicide and nonsuicidal self-injury assessments in a culturally response, supportive manner.	Discussion Board Case Study Case Simulation	
3. Demonstrate knowledge of how to provide psychological triage, stabilize individuals in crisis, and support students, school personnel, and families during and after a crisis.	PREPaRE Workshop 2 Discussion Board Exam	
4. Conduct behavioral threat assessments, support safety planning, and provide postvention support in a multidisciplinary team environment.	Discussion Board Exam Case Study	
5. Apply ethical, legal, and professional practices in crisis response and management.	Discussion Board Exam Case Study	
6. Identify and practice self-care strategies as a component of crisis response and for the prevention of secondary trauma.	Self-Care Plan	

Course Design

This course has weekly synchronous sessions via Zoom and uses Blackboard Ultra as a Learning Management System. This course requires additional time of student engagement to complete readings, projects, research, and other assignments. Time expectations for higher education courses are typically three hours outside of class time per week per credit hour, thus 9 hours of outside class time per week is expected. This course meets requirements for the M.S. in School Psychology – Specialist.

Course Materials

Required Texts

- Brock, S., Nickerson, A., Reeves, M. L., Conolly, C., Jimerson, S., Pesce, R., & Lazzaro, B. (2014). *School crisis prevention and intervention: The PREPaRE model* (2nd ed.). National Association of School Psychologists.
- Brock, Stephen, E. & Jimerson, Shane, R. (Ed) (2012). *Best Practices in School Crisis Prevention and Intervention, Second Edition*. NASP Publications.
- Harrison, S. L., Proctor, S. L., & Thomas, A. (2023). *Best practices in School Psychology* (7th ed). NASP. (Selected Chapters noted on course calendar below).

List of Required Readings (listed after course calendar)

Course Calendar/Schedule

This calendar and schedule are subject to change based on course and students' needs. Detailed directions and rubrics for all assignments will be available in Blackboard. Weekly reminders:

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 1 (Dates)	Introduction to school crisis and prevention	Brock et al (2014) Chapter 1: Background Knowledge Brock et al. (2012) Section 1: Promoting Mental Health, and Preventing and Preparing for Crises	Start Here Module Week 1 Module

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
Week 2	Preparation for Crisis Response & Interventions	Brock et al. (2012): Ch. 12 & 13	Week 2 Module Discussion Board
Week 3	Understanding the Role of Prevention in Crisis Response	Brock et al. (2012) Ch. 9-11	Week 3 Module Discussion Board
Week 4	PREPaRE Workshop 1	Pre-reading & videos from Workshop 1	Week 4 Module Posttest for Workshop 1
Week 5	PREPaRE Workshop 2	Pre-reading & videos from Workshop 2 Brock et al. (2012) Ch. 14-16	Week 5 Module Posttest for Workshop 2
Week 6	Cultural, Ethical, and Legal Considerations	Brock et al. (2012): Ch. 17-18	Week 6 Module Discussion Board Reflection Paper Due
Week 7	Self-Care	Brock et al. (2012): Ch. 20	Module 7 Discussion Board Self-Care Plan Due
Week 8	Supporting Specific Crises	Brock et al. (2012): Ch. 22, 29, 30-31	Module 8 Discussion Board
Week 9	Suicide & Violent Ideations	Brock et al. (2012): Ch.24-27	Module 9 Discussion Board Presentations
Week 10	Recovery & Evaluation	Brock et al (2012): Ch. 32-35 <i>Optional: Brock et al (2012): Ch. 36-37</i>	Module 10 Discussion Board Presentations (cont'd) NASP Practice Model Assignment Due
Week 11		<i>Final Exam</i>	Final Exam

Week/ Date	Topic	Readings	Activities/Assignments
(Exam Week)			

Required Readings

- Edyburn, K. L., Bertone, A., Raines, T. C., Hinton, T., Twyford, J., & Dowdy, E. (2021). Integrating intersectionality, social determinants of health, and healing: A new training framework for school-based mental health. *School Psychology Review*, 1-23.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/2372966X.2021.2024767>
- Selected Chapters from Harrison et al. (2023) Best Practices in School Psychology.

Suggested Texts:

- Reeves, M. (2021). *Behavioral threat assessment and management for K-12 Schools*. National Center for Youth Issues.
- Sprague, J. R., & Walker, H. M. (2021). *Safe and healthy Schools: Practical prevention strategies* (2nd ed.). Guilford Press.

Course Assignments

Note: These are brief descriptions, detailed assignment descriptions and rubrics for all assignments are on Blackboard.

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
Participation and Attendance (10%)	Students will arrive on-time to all class sessions and be prepared to engage in class discussions and activities.	10 pts x 11 weeks = 110 points	Weekly assignments
Modules + Exit Ticket	Students will regularly post reflection statements and comment on at least 2 other students' reflections regarding each week's discussion involving crisis prevention, intervention, and response <i>prior</i> to attending class each week.	5 points each week x 11 weeks = 55 points	Weekly assignments
PREPaRE Workshop 1: Comprehensive Safety Planning: Prevention Through Recovery	Students will complete the 6.5 hour PREPaRE Workshop 1 where they will learn the components of emergency response and management.	150	Certificate due 1 week after completion of PREPaRE Workshop 1

Assignments	Description	Points	Due Date
PREPaRE Workshop 2: Mental Health Crisis Interventions: Responding to an Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools	Students will complete the 13.5 hour PREPaRE Workshop 2 course where they will learn the fundamentals of delivering crisis response mental health interventions.	200	Certificate due 1 week after completion of PREPaRE Workshop 2
Reflection Paper 1: Understanding psychological triage and safety planning	Students will write a 3-6 page paper where they will reflect on what they understand about psychological triage, the nuances of safety planning, and the importance of a multidisciplinary team in threat assessments.	100	Week 9
NASP Practice Model Assignment	In alignment with Domain 6: Services to Promote Safe & Supportive Schools, where they will choose to upload a model emergency operations plan, crisis response plan following a critical incident, or a safety plan from a behavioral threat assessment for a mock school district.	85	Week 10
Self-Care Plan	Students will develop a self-care plan and write a 2-5 page reflection paper identifying areas of strength where they currently practice strong self-care practices as well as areas of potential need for growth to expand their skills.	80	Week 7
Presentation	Utilizing a vignette case study, students will share the ethical, legal, and professional implications in crisis care management and response.	70	Week 10
Final Exam	Students will complete a final exam on all details involving crisis response, safety planning, behavioral threat assessments and safe suicide care.	150	Week 11
TOTAL Points		1000	

Grading Scale

Grade	Grading Scale by Percentages	Grading Scale by Points
A	90-100%	900 - 1000
B	80-89%	800 - 899
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D	60-69%	600 - 699
F	< 60%	0 - 599

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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

Practicum and Internship Field Supervisor Evaluation of Candidate PERFORMANCE-BASED COMPETENCIES

Candidate Name: _____

Practicum Student ____ Intern ____

Field Supervisor: _____

Date of Evaluation: _____

Directions: This evaluation tool is completed at the end of the fall and spring semesters during both Practicum (PSY 695D) and Internship (PSY 695E) by the candidate and supervisor. Supervisor evaluation of candidates is based upon observation, reports from teachers, students, parents, and candidate self-assessment. Please note that this tool examines the developmental growth of candidates from practicum through internship. It is essential to read each item to carefully determine the candidate's level of competence according to the scale provided. This tool should be used to plan activities that enable the candidate to demonstrate each competency. In rare cases, there may be no opportunity in the placement for the candidate to demonstrate a competency. In these cases, the candidate must be proactive by consulting with the course instructor. A rating of one may be used to indicate lack of opportunity, but this should be limited. Ratings of 0 are never acceptable and will result in a plan of remediation following the steps outlined in the Program Handbook.

Practicum candidates: At the end of the fall and spring semesters of practicum, candidates are rated on 23 skill areas and 10 work dispositions and characteristics. Candidates are expected to complete practicum with ratings of 2 for a Meets Expectations score of 42. Ratings at end-year of practicum are shared with university internship supervisor to tailor supervision and supports during the internship transition. For areas rated below 2, field supervisors and candidates must provide supplemental information on candidate skills, opportunities to demonstrate the skill in the field placement, and preparedness to progress to internship. The course instructor will review the information and determine the candidate's final course grade. In some cases, extension of the practicum may be required; in such cases, the remediation plan steps outlined in the Program Handbook will be followed. In other cases, the information will be used to provide support during the transition to internship.

Internship Candidates: At the end of the fall and spring semesters of internship, interns are rated on 34 competencies and 10 work dispositions and characteristics. It is expected that interns will obtain scores of at least 3 on all items by the end of internship for a Meets Expectations score of 102. If at the final evaluation the intern has failed to demonstrate the required competencies and work characteristics at a level of 3, the candidate and field supervisor will submit statements indicating whether the candidate has or has not met the standard at a level sufficient to enter the profession. The course instructor will review the internship evaluation data and statements and make the final decision about the candidate's course grade. In some cases, final ratings of 2 (Emerging) may result in extension of the internship to provide more opportunities for the intern to demonstrate competencies and work characteristics. In other cases, final ratings of 2 (Emerging) will not require extension of the internship. If, at any time, an intern receives ratings of 0 (Unsatisfactory) on any competency or work characteristic, a remediation plan is put into place following the steps outlined in the Program Handbook. If unsatisfactory ratings continue, the program or the site supervisor may decide to terminate the internship. If a field supervisor or the program terminates an internship placement, the student will fail the internship course and, unless there are extenuating circumstances, will not be eligible for another placement.



Use these ratings to evaluate candidate's skills in the following practice areas:

0: Unsatisfactory	1: Novice (limited experience or opportunity)	2: Intermediate (practical application)	3: Advanced (applied theory)	4: Expert (recognized authority)
The candidate does not display the knowledge and skills to perform the competency in the field even with opportunities to practice, extensive supervision, and guidance from the field supervisor.	There has been no opportunity in the field setting. Or the competency is new and the candidate requires continuous and extensive supervision to apply the competency in the field setting.	Candidate skills are developing through experience in the field. Understands and can discuss terminology, concepts, and issues related to the competency. Expected to need help performing the competency in the field setting.	Candidate is applying and enhancing knowledge and skills in the field. Applies knowledge and skills needing minimal guidance for success. Help from supervisor is needed periodically but can usually perform the skill independently.	Candidate demonstrates performance level of an independently practicing, highly competent school psychologist. Recognized as a resource for colleagues, capable of coaching others in the application of the skill.
<i>Unacceptable at any point in training</i>	<i>During practicum</i>	<i>End of practicum</i>	<i>End of internship</i>	<i>School psychologist practitioner</i>

Domain 1: Data-Based Decision Making							
The following items are rated in practicum and internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
1	Candidate accurately analyzes assessment data to identify evidence-based instruction to improve academic, SEB and/or life skills skills.	Candidate inaccurately analyzes data to identify and develop instruction interventions and supports.	Candidate has emerging understanding of data analysis. Requires high supervision to accurately analyze data.	Candidate has conceptual understanding of data analysis methods. Needs appropriate supervision to accurately analyze data.	Candidate uses knowledge to independently and accurately analyze data.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge to model best practices in data analysis.	
2	Candidate uses data to understand, develop or evaluate practices that promote relevant family school collaboration	Candidate is unable to use data to understand, develop, or evaluate family-school collaboration practices.	Candidate has limited skill in using data to understand, develop, or evaluate family-school collaboration practices.	Candidate has emerging skill in using data to understand, develop, or evaluate family-school collaboration practices.	Candidate is competent in using data to understand, develop, or evaluate family-school collaboration practices.	Candidate is proficient in using data to understand, develop, or evaluate family-school collaboration practices.	



Domain 1: Data-Based Decision Making							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
3	Candidate systematically evaluates the effectiveness of academic and social emotional, behavior (SEB), and/or life skills interventions, and supports using technology to monitor skill growth (e.g., progress monitoring)	Candidate inappropriately or inaccurately evaluates the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills instruction interventions and supports.	With high supervision , candidate effectively and appropriately evaluates the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills instruction, interventions, and supports.	With appropriate supervision , candidate effectively and appropriately evaluates the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills instruction, interventions, and supports.	Systematically and independently evaluates the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills instruction, interventions and supports.	Candidate models best practices in the systematic evaluation of academic, SEB and/or life skills instruction, interventions and supports.	

Domain 1. Data-Based Decision Making							
The following items are rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
4	Candidate systematically evaluates the effectiveness of interventions and applies modifications for academic skills, student social emotional, behavior (SEB), and/or life skills based on data	Candidate inappropriately or inaccurately evaluates or modifies the effectiveness of academic SEB and/or life skills interventions and supports	With high supervision , candidate appropriately evaluates and modifies the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills interventions and supports.	With appropriate supervision , candidate appropriately evaluates and modifies the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills interventions and supports.	Systematically evaluates and modifies the effectiveness of academic, SEB and/or life skills interventions and supports.	Candidate models best practices in the systematic evaluation and modification of academic, SEB and/or life skills interventions and supports.	

Domain 2: Consultation and Collaboration							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
5	Candidate effectively communicates assessment results to a problem solving team or an evaluation team.	Candidate ineffectively or inappropriately communicates assessment results Regular, intensive supervision and additional practice is needed.	Candidate demonstrates limited skills sharing assessment results. Has difficulty summarizing, reads directly from report. Supervisor directly	Candidate demonstrates emerging skills in sharing assessment results. Is able to accurately summarize information from the report. Supervisor assists with	Candidate demonstrates strong communication skills when sharing results. Is able to clearly and accurately summarize information and responds to most	Candidate demonstrates Exceptional skills when sharing assessment results. Is able to summarize complex information and answers questions independently ,	



Domain 2: Consultation and Collaboration							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
			assists the candidate in communicating.	communicating results.	questions independently and appropriately.	appropriately, and thoughtfully.	
6	Candidate effectively collaborates with school staff to support students' academic, mental health, social emotional, and life skills. Appropriately communicates with school staff within limits of confidentiality to best support students.	Candidate ineffectively or inappropriately collaborates and communicates with school staff to support student needs.	Candidate demonstrates emerging skills in collaborating and communicating with school staff to support student needs.	Candidate demonstrates competency in collaborating and communicating with school staff to support student needs.	Candidate consistently and effectively collaborates and communicates with school staff to support student needs.	Candidate models best practices and demonstrates exceptional communication and collaboration skills when working with school staff to support student needs	

Domain 2. Consultation and Collaboration							
The following item is rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
7	Candidate collaborates with school-based teams in the implementation of prevention based programs (such as PBIS, MTSS, school climate improvement, bully prevention, truancy prevention, youth suicide prevention) to reduce risk and increase protective factors	Candidate cannot effectively collaborate with school-based teams to implement prevention-based programs.	Candidate has not had opportunities to collaborate with school-based teams in the implementation of prevention-based programs.	Candidate is aware of and/ or observes school-based team collaboration in the implementation of prevention-based programs.	Candidate collaborates with school based teams in the implementation of prevention-based programs.	Candidate facilitates school-based team collaboration in the implementation of prevention-based programs.	



Domain 3. Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
8	Candidate selects, collects and properly stores valid, reliable and appropriate assessments from a variety of methods (record review, interview, observation, tests) and from a variety of sources (parents, teachers, students) to assess student academic strengths and needs.	Candidate has an inaccurate understanding of assessment methods and is not able to select and collect appropriate assessment data.	Candidate has emerging understanding of assessment methods. Needs high supervision to select and collect appropriate assessment data.	Candidate has a conceptual understanding of assessment methods. Needs appropriate supervision to select and collect assessment data.	Candidate uses knowledge to independently select and collect appropriate assessment data. May consult on challenging cases.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge in selecting and collecting assessment data.	
9	Candidate effectively communicates assessment findings in a written report that includes background information, behavioral/testing observations, assessment results interpretation, and appropriate recommendations.	Candidate demonstrates poor skills in report writing. Reports lack clarity, professionalism and Includes many grammatical or technical errors.	Candidate demonstrates emerging skills in report writing. Reports include grammatical or technical errors.	Candidate demonstrates competency in report writing. Reports are professional and include very few grammatical errors and no technical errors.	Candidate demonstrates strong report writing skills. Reports are professional, clear, and free from grammatical and technical errors.	Candidate consistently Demonstrates exceptional report writing skills. Reports are professional, clear and skillfully communicate assessment findings.	

Domain 3. Academic Interventions and Instructional Supports							
The following item is rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
10	Candidate effectively implements or guides implementation of evidence-based individual or small group academic interventions (e.g., reading, writing, math, or executive functioning).	Candidate is unable to effectively implement or guide implementation of individual or small group academic interventions.	Candidate has awareness of and/ or observes the implementation of individual or small group academic interventions.	With occasional supervision , candidate effectively implements or guides implementation of individual or small group academic interventions	Candidate independently and effectively implements or guides implementation of individual or small group academic interventions.	Candidate models best practices in the implementation of individual or small group academic Interventions.	



Domain 4. Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
11	Candidate demonstrates awareness of the impact of cultural, biological, and environmental factors on behavioral presentation, social emotional skills, and life skills	Candidate is not sensitive to the impact of cultural, biological and environmental factors on behavioral presentation, social emotional skills and life skills	Candidate has emerging sensitivity to the impact of cultural, biological and environmental factors on behavioral presentation, social emotional skills, and life skills	Candidate demonstrates sensitivity to the impact of cultural biological and environmental factors on behavioral presentation, social emotional skills and life skills	Candidate practices in a manner that is sensitive to the impact of cultural biological and environmental factors on behavioral presentation, social emotional skills and life skills	Candidate consistently and skillfully practices in a manner that is sensitive to the impact of cultural, biological and environmental factors on behavioral presentation social emotional skills and life skills	
12	Candidate effectively implements or guides implementation of behavior Interventions plans (BIP)	Candidate is unable to implement or guide implementation of BIPs	Candidate is aware of the implementation of BIPs and contributes with high supervision	With supervision , candidate implements or guides implementation of BIPs	Candidate independently and effectively implements or guides implementation of BIPs	Candidate models best practices in the implementation of BIPs	

Domain 4. Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Interventions							
The following items are rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
13	Candidate uses technology to collect and analyze behavioral assessment data to effectively conduct a Functional behavior Assessment (FBA)	Candidate lacks understanding of FBA methods and is not able to select, collect, and analyze FBA data.	Candidate has Emerging understanding of FBA methods. Needs high supervision to select, collect, and analyze FBA data	Candidate has conceptual understanding of FBA methods. Needs appropriate supervision to select collect, and analyze FBA data	Candidate uses knowledge to select, collect, and appropriately analyze FBA data.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge to model best practices in selecting, collecting, and analyzing FBA data.	
14	Candidate effectively implements evidence-based individual or small group counseling or social skills interventions.	Candidate does not effectively implement individual or small group counseling or social skills interventions.	Candidate is aware of implementation of counseling or social skills interventions and contributes with high supervision.	With appropriate supervision , candidate implements individual or small group counseling or social skills interventions.	Candidate independently implements individual or small group counseling or social skills interventions.	Candidate models best practices in the implementation of individual or small group counseling or social skills interventions.	



Domain 5. School-wide Practices to Promote Learning							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
15	Candidate systematically assesses the quality of research to critically evaluate the evidence base related to promoting schoolwide learning and mental health.	Candidate has ineffective understanding of evidence-based practices that promote schoolwide learning and mental health.	Candidate has emerging understanding of evidence-based practices that promote schoolwide learning and mental health.	Candidate has conceptual understanding of evidence-based practices that promote schoolwide learning and mental health.	Candidate uses knowledge of research findings as the foundation for developing or promoting implementation of schoolwide practices and policies.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge of research findings as the foundation for developing or promoting implementation of schoolwide practices and policies.	
16	Candidate is sensitive to diverse characteristics, learning needs, and culture related to schoolwide programs and policies	Candidate is insensitive to diverse characteristics, learning needs, and cultures related to schoolwide practices and policies.	Candidate demonstrates emerging sensitivity of diverse characteristics, learning needs and cultures related to schoolwide practices and policies.	Candidate demonstrates sensitivity to diverse characteristics, learning needs and cultures related to schoolwide practices and policies.	Candidate practices in a manner that is sensitive to diverse characteristics learning needs, and cultures related to schoolwide practices and policies.	Candidate consistently practices in a manner that is sensitive to diverse characteristics, learning needs, and cultures related to schoolwide practices and policies.	



Domain 5. School-wide Practices to Promote Learning							
The following items are rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
17	Candidate engages in systems-level problem solving (e.g., MTSS team) with colleagues to plan, implement, and/or evaluate schoolwide practices that promote learning and mental health	Candidate unable to engage in systems-level problem-solving with key stakeholders	Candidate is aware of systems-level problem solving, but has not had the opportunity to become involved.	Candidate observes systems-level problem solving to develop schoolwide practices.	Candidate participates in systems-level problem solving process to develop schoolwide practices.	Candidate facilitates a systems-level problem-solving process to develop schoolwide practices.	
18	Candidate engages in school-wide reviews of data (e.g., universal screening, attendance, discipline) to understand, develop, promote, and/or evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of schoolwide policies and practices.	Candidate unable to engage in school- wide reviews of data, has limited skills in using data.	Candidate is aware of school-wide reviews of data, but has not had the opportunity to become involved.	Candidate observes as others engage in school-wide reviews of data, has emerging skill in using data to develop, implement, and/or evaluate schoolwide policies and practices.	Candidate participates in school-wide reviews of data, is competent in using to develop, implement, and/or evaluate schoolwide policies and practices.	Candidate facilitates school-wide reviews of data, is proficient in using data to develop, implement, and/or evaluate schoolwide policies and practices.	



Domain 6. Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
19	Candidate systematically reviews the quality of research to critically evaluate the evidence base to address systemic risk factors (e.g. truancy, dropout, bullying, suicide, or school violence) and promote wellness and resilience.	Candidate does not understand risk factors contributing to systemic problems and/or practices to promote wellness.	Candidate has a limited understanding of risk factors contributing to systemic problems and/or practices to promote wellness.	Candidate has emerging understanding of risk factors contributing to systemic problems and/or practices to promote wellness.	Candidate has a conceptual understanding of risk factors contributing to systemic problems and/or practices to promote wellness	Candidate uses knowledge of risk factors in collaborating to address risk factors contributing to systemic problems and/or practices to promote wellness.	
20	Candidate demonstrates knowledge of relevant standards, regulations and school-level procedures in crisis and prevention work.	Candidate does not understand standards, regulations, and school-level crisis procedures and prevention work.	Candidate has a limited understanding of standards, regulations and school-level procedures in crisis and prevention work.	Candidate has emerging understanding of relevant standards, regulations and school-level procedures in crisis and prevention work.	Candidate has a conceptual understanding of relevant standards, regulations and school-level procedures in crisis and prevention work.	Candidate uses knowledge of relevant standards, regulations and school-level procedures in crisis and prevention work.	

Domain 6. Services to Promote Safe and Supportive Schools							
The following items are rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
21	Candidate demonstrates awareness of the role of culture and context in risk and prevention practices.	Candidate is unaware or unwilling to acknowledge the role of culture and content in risk and prevention practices.	Candidate has a limited awareness of the role of culture and context in risk and prevention practices.	Candidate has emerging awareness of the role of culture and context in risk and prevention practices.	Candidate has clear awareness of the role of culture and context in risk and prevention practices.	Candidate uses awareness of the role of culture and context in risk and prevention system wide to inform practice.	
22	Candidate develops, has awareness of, and/or implements existing crisis prevention and intervention services.	Candidate has inaccurate knowledge of school crisis and prevention plans and protocols.	Candidate has limited knowledge of school crisis prevention plans and protocol.	Candidate has knowledge of school crisis prevention plans and protocols.	Candidate displays or is capable of displaying supervised implementation of school crisis prevention plans and protocols.	Candidate actively participates on crisis team and contributes knowledge of best practice (e.g. PREPaRE curriculum).	



Domain 7. Family, School, and Community Collaboration							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
23	Candidate evaluates research as a foundation for effective service delivery to promote family-school collaboration.	Candidate has limited understanding of evidence-based practices that promote family- school collaboration.	Candidate has emerging understanding of evidence-based practices that promote family- school collaboration.	Candidate has conceptual understanding of evidence-based practices that promote family-school collaboration.	Candidate uses knowledge of research findings as the foundation for promoting family- school collaboration.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge of research findings as the foundation for promoting family- school collaboration.	
24	Candidate is sensitive to family characteristics, learning needs, and culture when engaging with families.	Candidate is insensitive to family characteristics learning needs, and cultures.	Candidate demonstrates emerging sensitivity of family characteristics, leaning needs and cultures.	Candidate demonstrates sensitivity to family characteristics, learning needs and cultures.	Candidate practices in a manner that is sensitive to family characteristics, learning needs, and cultures.	Candidate consistently practices in a manner that is sensitive to family characteristics, learning needs, and cultures.	
25	Candidate engages families to promote student success (e.g. learning, positive behavior, and/ or social-emotional health).	Rarely or ineffectively engages families.	Demonstrates emerging skills when engaging families in promoting student success.	Consistently and effectively engages families in promoting student success.	Facilitates family engagement through effective collaboration with caregivers and colleagues through shared discussion and joint decision making.	Is able to model effective family engagement with and among colleagues through shared discussion and joint decision making.	



Domain 8. Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
26	Candidate applies knowledge of best practices concerning academic assessment instruction, intervention. And supports for students with developmental differences , and abilities/ disabilities	Candidate has ineffective understanding of best practices to support academic outcomes of students with developmental differences, and abilities/disabilities.	Candidate has limited understanding of best practices to support academic outcomes of students with developmental differences and abilities/disabilities.	Candidate has an emerging understanding of best practices to support the academic outcomes of students with developmental differences, and abilities/disabilities.	Candidate has a conceptual understanding of best practices to support the academic outcomes of students with developmental differences, and abilities/disabilities.	Candidate models the use of best practices to support the academic outcomes of students with developmental differences, and abilities/ disabilities.	
27	Candidate demonstrates knowledge of cultural variables in academic assessment, instructional interventions, and supports for students.	Candidate has an ineffective understanding of cultural variables in academic decision-making.	Candidate has emerging understanding of cultural variables in academic decision-making.	Candidate has a conceptual understanding of cultural variables in academic decision-making.	Candidate uses knowledge of cultural variables to select academic assessment instruction, intervention, and supports.	Candidate models the use of cultural variables to select academic assessment, instruction, intervention and supports.	

Domain 8. Equitable Practices for Diverse Student Populations							
The following items are rated during internship only.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
28	Advocates for access to supports within the school and community for all families.	Candidate has limited skill in promoting family engagement practices and community supports.	Candidate has emerging skill in promoting family engagement practices and community supports.	Candidate is competent in promoting family engagement practices and community supports.	Candidate is proficient in promoting family engagement Practices and community supports.	Candidate is highly skilled in promoting family engagement practices and community supports.	
29	Candidate promotes fairness school policies and programs	Candidate is not committed to the promotion of fairness in policies and programs.	Candidate has limited knowledge of promoting fairness in policies and programs.	Candidate has emerging knowledge of how to promote fairness in policies and programs.	Candidate has a conceptual under- standing of how to promote fairness in policies and programs.	Candidate uses knowledge to promote fairness in school policies and programs.	



Domain 9. Research and Evidence-Based Practice							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
30	Candidate evaluates a cumulative body of research as a foundation for effective service delivery to support student academic skill development (e.g., reading, writing, math, and executive functioning skills).	Candidate ineffectively evaluates and synthesizes research. Does not use research as a foundation for effective service delivery.	Candidate has emerging skills in the evaluation and synthesis of research. Initial use of research as a foundation for service delivery.	Candidate demonstrates basic skills in the evaluation and synthesis of research and can use research as a foundation for service delivery.	Candidate demonstrates strong skills in the evaluation and synthesis of research. Consistently uses research as a foundation for effective service delivery.	Candidate demonstrates exceptional skills in the evaluation and synthesis of research. Shares advanced knowledge of research with others.	
31	Candidate evaluates a cumulative body of research findings to support student mental health, behavior social, emotional, and life skills	Candidate ineffectively evaluates and synthesizes research. Does not use research to guide practice.	Candidate has emerging skills in the evaluation of research, Sometimes uses research to guide practice.	Candidate demonstrates competency in the evaluation of research. Frequently uses research to guide practice.	Candidate demonstrates strong skills in the evaluation and synthesis of research Consistently uses research as a foundation for service delivery.	Candidate demonstrates exceptional skills in the synthesis of research. Shares knowledge of research with others to promote effective service delivery	



Domain 10. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice							
The following items are rated in practicum <i>and</i> internship.							
#	Candidate skill (Expectations for growth)	0: Unsatisfactory (Not acceptable)	1: Novice (During practicum)	2: Intermediate (End of practicum)	3: Advanced (End of internship)	4: Expert (Practitioner)	Rating
32	Candidate demonstrates knowledge of legislation and regulations relevant to general and special education systems.	Candidate has inaccurate understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to general and special education systems.	Candidate has emerging understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to general and special education systems.	Candidate has Basic understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to general and special education systems. Requires support from supervisor.	Candidate uses knowledge to assist school personnel and families adhere to general and special education regulations.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge to assist school personnel and families adhere to general and special education regulations.	
33	Candidate understands and adheres to federal and state regulations in the determination of eligibility for special education.	Candidate demonstrates inaccurate knowledge and/or does not apply knowledge of legal, ethical and professional practice.	With high supervision , candidate demonstrates and applies knowledge of legal, ethical, and professional practice.	With appropriate supervision , candidate demonstrates and applies knowledge of legal, ethical, and professional practice.	Candidate independently demonstrates and applies knowledge of legal, ethical and professional practice. May seek input for cases.	Candidate uses advanced knowledge to independently and consistently engage in professional, legal, and ethical practices.	
34	Candidate demonstrates knowledge of legislation (e.g. FERPA) and regulations (e.g. procedural safeguards) related to the rights of families.	Candidate has limited understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to the rights of families	Candidate has emerging understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to the rights of families	Candidate has conceptual understanding of legislation and regulations relevant to the rights of families	Candidate uses knowledge to advocate for families and to assist school personnel to adhere to legislation and regulations relevant to the rights of families	Candidate uses advanced knowledge to advocate for families and to assist school personnel to adhere to legislation and regulations relevant to the rights of families	

Total Score at the End of Practicum ____/92
Meets Expectations = Minimum score of 46

Total Score at the End of Internship ____/136
Meets Expectations = Minimum score of 102
(with no scores below 3)



Practicum ratings (skip for internship placement)

1. Were any of the ratings in the above form below a 2? Yes ____ No ____
 - a. If yes, complete the following section.
 - b. If no, skip this section and complete the work dispositions and characteristics section
2. If yes, please list the Number and Candidate Skill and provide a summary of the candidate's current skills in that area, opportunities to demonstrate the skill in the field placement, and preparedness to progress to internship.

Number	Candidate Skill	Summary of Current Skill	Opportunities in the Placement

3. Please describe the candidate's preparedness to progress to internship:



Professional Dispositions and Work Characteristics

Please evaluate the candidate's **professional dispositions** and **work characteristics** according to the following criteria:

0: Unsatisfactory	1: Inconsistent	2: Emerging	3: Competent	4: Exemplary
The candidate does not display the required behaviors to the degree necessary for successful performance in schools at this time, remediation is necessary.	Candidate has the necessary behaviors in his/her repertoire but is inconsistent in employing them in the school setting or has not had the opportunity.	Candidate has the necessary behaviors in their repertoire, employs them with guidance from the field supervisor.	Candidate has the necessary behaviors and employs them appropriately in school situations.	Candidate not only has the necessary behaviors but engages in exemplary conduct appropriate for modeling by other professionals.

Disposition/Characteristic	Rating 0-4
1. Demonstrates accountability to self and others	
2. Demonstrates ability to take on leadership roles and ability to work collaboratively with others	
3. Demonstrates effective interpersonal awareness and communication skills	
4. Demonstrates understanding of the ecologies of educational systems and works within these systems and structures	
5. Demonstrates initiative in soliciting, accepting, and integrating feedback	
6. Demonstrates self-awareness of mental and emotional stability, and ability to manage stress	
7. Demonstrates and integrates ethical and legal standards and principles of the profession	
8. Demonstrates progress towards independence as school psychologist	
9. Demonstrates engagement in reflective activities	
10. Demonstrates commitment to cultural competence, which includes willingness to engage in cultural self-awareness and valuing the cultural intersectionality of others	

Total Score at the End of Practicum ____/40

Meets Expectations = Minimum score of 20

Total Score at the End of Internship ____/40

Meets Expectations = Minimum score of 32

(with no scores below 3)



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Please Describe the Candidate's Strengths:

Please Describe the Candidate's Continued Areas of Growth:

Supervisor Name:	Candidate Name:
Supervisor Signature:	Candidate Signature:
Date:	Date:

Appendix C: Resume/CVs

1. Dr. Hattie Harvey, Professor
2. Dr. Anastasiia Iun, Assistant Professor
3. Dr. Rachel Chidsey-Brown, Associate Professor (hire date August 2025)
4. Dr. Jennifer Knutson, Term Assistant Professor (hire date August 2025)

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Hattie Allen Harvey

Professor, Psychology
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University of Alaska Anchorage
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Education

University of Denver

2011 Ph.D., Child, Family, & School Psychology (NASP Accredited)
Cognates: Early Childhood School Psychology & Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: *Executive Function and Early Mathematics Development in Preschool Children: Examination of Dual Language Learners (Quantitative)*

University of Maine

2005 M.S., Human Development
Concentration: Early Childhood Development
Thesis: *Effects of Media Exposure on Preschool Children's Social Competence Development*

St. Lawrence University

2002 B.A., Psychology and Fine Arts

Professional Licenses

2011– Present **Nationally Certified School Psychologist**, *National Association of School Psychologists*;
License #40849, Ex 08/31/2026
2011 – Present **Special Services Certificate Advanced Type C – School Psychologist**, *State of Alaska*,
Department of Education and Early Development, #405236, Ex 8/31/26
2012 – Present **Licensed Psychologist**, *State of Alaska, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional*
Licensing, #651 Ex 6/30/2025

Awards and Recognition

- *Chancellor's Award of Excellence: Embracing Our Role as Trusted and Respected Community Partner* (2023). Office of the Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Affordable Course Materials Award* (2022). Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee, University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Community Builder Award* (2021). Center for Community Engagement and Learning, University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Community Engaged Research Fellow* (2021). Center for Community Engagement and Learning, University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Community-Engaged Spotlight Award* (2021), Center for Community Engagement and Learning, University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Leadership Award* (2020), Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- *Technology Fellows Award* (2020), University of Alaska Anchorage
- *Technology Fellowship* (2018 -2019), Academic Innovations and eLearning, University of Alaska Anchorage

Academic Appointments

2024 – current Professor, *Department of Psychology, University of Alaska Anchorage*

Program Director, Master of Science in School Psychology, contributing faculty in the BA/BS Psychology, MS Clinical Psychology, and PhD Clinical-Community Psychology programs; Coordinator, Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health

2019 - 2024 Associate Professor, *Department of Psychology, University of Alaska Anchorage*

Faculty in the BA/BS Psychology, MS Clinical Psychology, and PhD Clinical-Community Psychology programs; Coordinator, Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health

2018 – 2019 Assistant Professor, *School of Education, Early Childhood Special Education, University of Alaska Anchorage*

Transferred appointment to faculty and program lead for the Early Childhood Special Education M.Ed. and undergraduate minor program; faculty position had been unfilled for 2-years and was being maintained by special education faculty. Conducted substantial program revisions for both the minor in ECSE and the M.Ed. in ECSE updates to align with revised CEC/DEC Personnel Preparation Standards and was approved through the curriculum process.

2014 – 2018 Assistant Professor, *School of Education, Early Childhood, University of Alaska Anchorage*

Faculty in the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood and Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education (AY15-AY17); Program Lead for Early Childhood Associates & BA (AY17-18); Primary author for NAEYC accreditation report for the Bachelors and Post-Bac in Early Childhood Education

Clinical/Field Work

2024 – current Early Childhood Consultant, *Elevation AK, Anchorage AK*

Provide case consultation for early childhood developmental evaluations through Elevation AK with Dr. Cody Chipp, Licensed Psychologist.

2019 – 2023 Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant, *Cook Inlet Native Head Start, Anchorage AK*

Provide mental health consultation services to Head Start staff and families; support implementation of Pyramid Model and facilitate monthly leadership team meetings

2010 – 2014 School Psychologist, *Anchorage School District & Early Intervention Services Center, Anchorage, AK*

Provided direct and consultative school psychological services in settings PreK – G12; Conducted evaluations for special education preschool – high school; Coordinated and facilitated Multi-tiered System of Support Teams (MTSS); Received grant funding to coordinate summer course on Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment and Intervention with Dr. Toni Linder; Developed

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protocol for integrating use of TPBA and Routines-based Interviews into preschool evaluations for special education

2006 – 2010 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *College of Education, University of Denver, Denver, CO*

Graduate Teachers Assistant for *Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education, Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment (TPBA)* courses; Assisted in development of online TPBA trainings for rural Colorado districts and early intervention centers; Assisted in grant writing for U.S. Department of Education Grant (funded)

2008 – 2009 **Graduate Student Early Learning Specialist**, *Early Childhood Play Clinic, University of Denver, Denver, CO*

Participated on the Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment (TPBA) Team in the *Early Learning Specialist* role, assessed children birth – five at the clinic; Wrote comprehensive TPBA reports and recommendations

2006 – 2009 **Assistant Teacher**, *Margery Reed Early Head Start, Denver, CO*

Supported lead teacher with implementation of curriculum and documentation of infants and toddlers skills and abilities

2006 –2008 **Early Childhood Leadership Practicum**, *Colorado Department of Education, Results Matter/Early Childhood Initiatives Program, Denver, CO*

Participated in program development for *Results Matter*, Colorado's state funded early childhood initiative program, specifically analyzed and summarized Child Outcomes data and co-presented Results Matter data at OSEP conference in Washington, DC

2005 – 2006 **Interim Director**, *Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center, University of Maine, Orono, ME*

Coordinated and maintained all business aspects (budgeting, curriculum planning, enrollment, policies and procedures, licensing); Supervised toddler and preschool teachers in the Child Development Learning Center; Provided supervision to undergraduate ECE practicum students; Taught undergraduate Practicum in Early Childhood and Creativity of the Young Child undergraduate courses

2003 –2005 **Lead Preschool Teacher**, *Katherine Miles Durst Child Development Learning Center, University of Maine, Orono, ME*

Planned curriculum for multi-age preschool classrooms, documented child progress using Work Sampling System; Conducted family conferences and planned family engagement events; Co-Lead Toddler-Parent Play Group; Coordinated and mentored undergraduate student field placements in the classroom

2002- 2003 **Assistant Preschool Teacher**, *Young Tracks, Steamboat Springs, Colorado*

Publications

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PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (n=14)

1. **Harvey, H.,** & Bustillios, M. (under review). Using community advisory boards to guide higher education program development. *Journal of Community Engagement and Higher Education*.
2. **Harvey, H.,** *Pierce, J., & Hirshberg, D. (2023). Using participatory research to develop a culturally responsive early childhood assessment tool. *Journal of Participatory Methods*, 4(2). <https://doi.org/10.35844/001c.77624>.
3. **Harvey, H.,** Reed, D., Parker, P., Ward, K., Baldwin, M., & Hiratsuka, V. (2023). Parent views on the educational experiences of students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Advocacy, inclusion, and collaboration. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 55. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.107192>
4. Howell, B., **Harvey, H.,** & Aguiniga, D. (2023). Creating and improving a community-engaged research faculty fellows community-of-practice at a mid-sized, open-enrollment university. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*. eISSN 2164-8212.
5. ^^**Harvey, H.,** & Wennerstrom, E. K. (2023). Hearing their voices: Parents perceptions of preschool special education evaluations with dual language learners. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*, 43(1), 46-59. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02711214211005853>.
6. Logue, M. E., **Harvey, H.** (2022). Vroom, vroom, beep, beep: The stories children tell through truck and car play. *Young Children*, 77 (2), 14-23.
7. ^^**Harvey, H.,** Dunlap, G., & *McKay, K. (2021). Primary and secondary effects of Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*, 41(2), 100-114. <http://doi.org/10.1177.0271121419844315>.
8. Strain, P., Dunlap, G., & **Harvey, H.** (2018). A functional assessment model for challenging behaviors: Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children. In Snyder, P., & Hemmeter, M. L. (Eds.). *Instruction for Effective strategies to support engagement, learning, and outcomes (Young Exceptional Children Monograph Series No 4)*, 199-130. Division for Early Childhood.
9. **Harvey, H.,** & Ohle, K. (2018). What's the purpose? Educators' perceptions and use of a state-mandated kindergarten-entry assessment. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 26(142). <http://dx.doi.org/10.14507/epaa.26.3877>.
10. Ohle, K., & **Harvey, H.** (2017). Educators' perceptions of school readiness within the context of a Kindergarten Entry Assessment. *Early Child Development and Care*, 198(11), 1859-1873. DOI: 10.1080/03004430.2017.1417855.
11. ^^**Harvey, H.,** & Miller, G. (2017). Executive function skills, early mathematics, and vocabulary in Head Start preschool children. *Early Education and Development*, 28, 290-307. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03004430.2017.1417855>.
12. **Harvey, H.** (2015). Encouraging healthy sleep habits. *NAEYC For Families*. Retrieved from <http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/encouraging-healthy-sleep-habits>.
13. Logue, M., & **Harvey, H.** (2010). Preschool teachers' views of active play. *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*, 24, 32-49. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02568540903439375>

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14. Logue, M., & **Shelton, H.** (2008). The stories bad guys tell: Promoting literacy and social awareness in preschool. *The Constructivist*, 19(1), 1-8.
15. Logue, M., **Shelton, H.**, Austin, J., & Cronkite, D. (2007). Strengthening partnerships with parents through toddler stories. *Journal of Young Children*, 62, 85-88.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS (n=3)

1. Hirshberg, D., **Harvey, H.**, Cost, D., & Ohle, K. (2019). Mind the gap...Mind the chasm: Exploring inclusion and equity in Alaska's education system. In M. Beaton, D. B. Hirshberg, G. R. Maxwell, & J. Spratt (Eds.) *Including the North: A Comparative Study of the Policies on Inclusion and Equity in the Circumpolar North*. Lapin Yliosto: University of Lapland.
2. **Harvey, H.**, Coleman, J., & Miller, G. (2019). School readiness and school entry. In G. Bear & K. Minke (Eds.) *Helping Handouts: Supporting Students at School and Home*. Association of School Psychologists.
3. Logue, M., **Harvey, H.**, Sullivan, D., & Austin, J. (2011). Strengthening partnerships with families through toddler stories. *Spotlight on Infants and Toddlers*. Washington, DC: National Association for the Education of Young Children.

SELECTED NON-REFERRED PUBLISHED WORK AND TECHNICAL REPORTS (n=12)

1. **Harvey, H.**, & *Russell, R. (2023, October). *Alaska statewide school psychologist needs assessment survey results*. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.18330.41925](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.18330.41925)
2. **Harvey, H.** (2022, Spring). Offering choices: What, how, and when. *Alaska Parent Magazine*. https://alaskaparent.com/pages/articles/offering_choices.html
3. *Parker, D., Hedwig, T., Miller, V., Payne, T., Gonzalez, A., Kisrauskas, Y., Slone, A., Hiratsuka, V., Brown, P., **Harvey, H.**, Reed, D., Smith, C., & Ward, K. (2021). *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Data Systems Development: Gaps, Opportunities, and Recommendations*. University of Alaska Anchorage. <https://alaskamentalthtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FASD-Data-Systems-Report-UAA-06282021.pdf>
4. ***Harvey, H.**, Hirshberg, D., & Pierce, J. (2021). *Guidelines for culturally-responsive reflective practice in birth to five settings* (Version 1). Cook Inlet Tribal Council. <https://iseralaska.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Guidelines-for-Culturally-Responsive-Reflective-Practice-in-Birth-to-Five-Settings.pdf>
5. **Harvey, H.** (2021). *Evaluation of early childhood relationship-based professional development in Alaska* (Technical Report No. 1). Thread Alaska.
6. **Harvey, H.**, & Craig, B. (2018). *Outcomes from Blended Practices Professional Learning Group*. Report submitted to Anchorage School District Preschool Programs. Anchorage, AK.
7. **Harvey, H.** (2017, Fall). Ask the expert: The tween and teen years. *Alaska Parent Magazine*, 22. Retrieved from http://www.alaskaparent.com/pages/ask_the_expert/teen.html#bullies.
8. ***Harvey, H.**, Ohle, K., & Leshan, S. (2017). *Examining the Alaska Development Profile: Results from rural Alaska*. Anchorage, AK: Author. Retrieved from <https://www.academia.edu/34453097/>.

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9. **Harvey, H.** (2016). *Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children Using the PTR-YC Model*. Author. <https://www.academia.edu/34415109/>.
10. Ohle, K., **Harvey, H.**, & Leshan, S. (2016). *Examining the Alaska Developmental Profile: Results from the Anchorage School District*. Author. <https://www.academia.edu/34415116/>.
11. **Harvey, H.** (2016). *Early Childhood Special Education Evaluations: Parent Perspectives. Report Prepared for the Anchorage School District*. Author. <https://www.academia.edu/37343632>.
12. **Harvey, H.** (2015, April). Using authentic assessment in early childhood: Considerations for school psychologists. *The ASPA Review*. Alaska School Psychologist Association, pp. 13.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW

1. Hiratsuka, V., Johnson, D., *Parker, P., **Harvey, H.**, ^Reed, D., Smith, C., ^Baldwin, M. & Ward, K. (under review). Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in public education settings: A scoping review. Submitted to *Journal of Special Education*.

Conference Activities

PEER-REVIEWED ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Harvey, H.** (2024, April). *Expanding infant mental health workforce through Project BLENDS interdisciplinary training*. Invited plenary speaker, Alaska Infant, Child, and Youth Conference, Anchorage AK.
2. **Harvey, H.**, ^Johnson, M., *Thomas, E., & *Geider, A. (2023, February). *Applying the Pyramid Model framework in early childhood programs to support social-emotional development*. Presented at the Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference. Anchorage, AK.
3. **Harvey, H.** (2023, April). *Project BLENDS: Building Capacity for Interdisciplinary Collaboration Among Alaska-Based Related Services Providers*. Presented at the Plenary Session for the Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. Online Presentation.
4. **Harvey, H.**, & ^Petticrew, E. (2022, March). *Nquayht'ana Tuh: Our community place*. Presented at the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Conference: Equity from the Start. Online conference.
5. **Harvey, H.**, Allen, M., & Moore, C. (2022, April). *Project BLENDS: Building Capacity for Interdisciplinary Collaboration Among Alaska-Based Related Services Providers*. Presented at the Plenary Session for the Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. Online Presentation.
6. **Harvey, H.**, Hiratsuka, V., Reed, D., Paulsen, P., Smith, C., & Ward, K. (2022, February). *Educator survey and caregiver perspectives on students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in Alaska's educational systems*. Presented at the Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference. Anchorage, AK.
7. **Harvey, H.**, Allen, M., Moore, C., & Young C. (2022, February). *Project BLENDS: Building capacity for interdisciplinary collaboration among Alaska-based related service providers*. Presented at the Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference. Anchorage, AK.
8. Hiratsuka, V., Harvey, H., Reed, D., & Johnson, D. (2022, January). *Educator survey and caregiver perspectives on students with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in Alaska's educational systems*. Presented at

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the 2022 Alaska Health Summit for the Intersection of Public Health and Public Safety, Alaska Native Health Consortium. Online Conference.

9. **Harvey, H.**, *Craig, B., ^Moyers, K., & *Guerrero, K. (2020, February). *Hearing family voices: Strategies and approaches for engaging in family-centered practices*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Alaska, AK.
10. **Harvey, H.**, ^Suralta, B., Hirshberg, D., & *Alvarez, E. (2020, February). *Improving childcare outcomes research and culturally responsive practices*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Alaska, AK.
11. **Harvey, H.**, *Craig, B., & ^Ball, K. (2019, February). *Embedded learning opportunities in the context of place-based play: We got this!* Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Alaska, AK.
12. **Harvey, H.** & ^McManamin, M. (2019, February). *Using embedded learning opportunities in inclusive preschool settings*. Presented at the Alaska State-wide Special Education conference. Anchorage, AK.
13. **Harvey, H.**, & *McKay, K. (2018, February). *Using Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children to Address Challenging Behaviors: Applications in Early Childhood*. Presented at the Alaska State-wide Special Education conference. Anchorage, AK.
14. **Harvey, H.**, ^Petticrew, E., ^Amos, B., ^Scott, L., & *Shields, O. (2018, January). *Stories from Cook Inlet Native Head Start Yup'ik Immersion Head Start Preschool: Successes and Challenges*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. Anchorage, AK.
15. Ohle, K., & **Harvey, H.** (2017, April). *The Alaska Developmental Profile: Perceptions of a state-mandated kindergarten screening tool*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX.
16. **Harvey, H.**, & *McKay, K. (2017, February). *Prevent-teach-reinforce model for young children: Results from a single-case design study*. Paper presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX.
17. **Harvey, H.**, Ohle, K., & *Leshan, S. (2017, January). *Authentic assessment in the early childhood classroom*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children. Anchorage, AK.
18. **Harvey, H.**, *Akins, C., & *Lee, B. (2017, January). *Using social stories to promote social-emotional development*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children. Anchorage, AK.
19. Ohle, K., **Harvey, H.**, & *Leshan, S. (2016, November). *Do mandatory assessments impact instruction? Looking at the Alaska Developmental Profile as a case study around kindergarten readiness*. Paper presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
20. **Harvey, H.**, & Ohle, K. (2016, October). *Results from understanding the Alaska Developmental Profile: Implications for authentic assessment and how we support educators*. Presented at the Alaska Annual Principals Conference. Anchorage, AK.
21. **Harvey, H.**, *Lee, N., & *Bowe, N. (2016, January). *Embedded learning opportunities: Integrating developmental goals across the curriculum*. Presented at the Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children. Anchorage, AK.

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22. **Harvey, H.** (2015, October). *Developing a behavior intervention plan using the Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children model*. Presented at the Annual International Division for Early Childhood conference. Atlanta, GA.
23. **Harvey, H.** (2015, February). *Executive function skills as predictors of early mathematics in preschool children*. Paper presentation presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
24. **Harvey, H., & Kinnavey-Wennerstrom, E.** (2015, January). *An overview of the Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI) model*. Presented to the Anchorage Association of Education for the Young Child Annual Conference, Anchorage, AK.
25. **Harvey, H., Koshak, M., Allen, B., & Miller, G.** (2011, February). *Early math assessments: A review of current measures*. Paper presentation presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
26. **Harvey, H.** (2011, February). *Executive function assessment in young children*. Paper presentation presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
27. **Harvey, H. & Albanes, J.** (2008, October). *Executive Functioning Assessment and Intervention within the RTI Model*. Workshop presented at the Colorado Society for School Psychologists. Beaver Creek, CO.
28. Logue, M., & **Shelton, H.** (2007, November). *Promoting preschool literacy and social awareness through superhero play*. Workshop presented at the National Association for the Education of the Young Child. Chicago, IL.

PEER-REVIEWED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. **Harvey, H., Allen, D., & Moore, C.** (2024, September). *Infusing Infant Mental Health Competencies into an Interdisciplinary Graduate Training Program*. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood Conference. New Orleans, LA.
2. **Harvey, H., Allen, D. & Moore, C.** (2024, August). *Project BLENDS: Building Capacity for Interdisciplinary Collaboration Among Alaska-Based Related Services Providers*. Poster presented at the Office of Special Education Project Directors Conference. Washington, DC.
3. **Harvey, H., & Russell, R.** (2024, February). *Collaborative development of a school psychology graduate training program to advance social justice and equity*. Poster presented at the Annual Trainer of School Psychologists Conference. New Orleans, LA.
4. **Harvey, H., Hirshberg, D., & *Pierce, J.** (2021, April). *Development of the guidelines for culturally responsive practice in birth to five settings* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference. Online conference.
5. **Harvey, H., *Alvarez, E., & *Ogin, K.** (2020, October). *Infusing infant and early childhood mental health competencies into a graduate psychology program*. [Poster presentation]. Western Psychological Association. Online Conference.
6. **Harvey, H., Dunlap, G., & *McKay, K.** (2019, April). *Primary and secondary effects of Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for young children*. [Poster presentation]. National Training Institute for Effective Practices with Young Children with Challenging Behaviors. St. Petersburg, FL.

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7. **Harvey, H.**, ^Kumpala, M., & ^Meyers, R. (2018, October). *Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children: Teachings from the Field*. [Poster Presentation]. Presented at the Division for Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Orlando, FL.
8. **Harvey, H.**, & Linder, T. (2017, October). *Transdisciplinary Play-based assessment: Lessons from the field*. Poster presented at the International Division for Early Childhood Annual Conference. Portland, OR.
9. **Harvey, H.** (2015, October). *Alaska school psychology needs assessment*. Poster presented at the Alaska School Psychologist Association conference. Anchorage, AK.
10. **Harvey, H.** & Kane, A. (2009, February). *It's a small world after all: Perspectives on the field*. Poster presented at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
11. **Shelton, H.** (2007, March). *Infant Mental Health Training Standards, Programs, and Competencies: Where does Colorado fit?* Poster presented at the Colorado Association of Infant Mental Health Conference, Denver, CO.
12. **Shelton, H.** (2006, November). *Media influences of preschool children's social competence development*. Poster presented at the National Association for Education of the Young Child. Atlanta, GA.

Invited National Presentations

1. Hiratsuka, V., & **Harvey, H.** (2022, October). *People, time, and money: Qualitative research design considerations*. Invited presentation at the Applying Mixed Methods and Qualitative Approaches to Social Policy Questions Conference, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for the Administration of Children and Families. Online Presentation. <https://opremethodsmeeting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Hiratsuka-People-Money-Time.pdf>
2. ^Suralta, B., & ^Wirz, C., & **Harvey, H.**, (2022, April). *Measuring and supporting child-teacher interactions in a Tribal Head Start Setting*. Invited presentation at the Child Care Block Development Grant National Webinar, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for the Administration of Children and Families. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/training-technical-assistance/webinar-measuring-and-supporting-child-teacher-interactions>
3. **Harvey, H.** & ^Johnson, M. (2020, December). *Culturally and linguistically responsive family partnerships: Updates in Alaska's Learn and Grow system*. Presented at the National Annual Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five Convening of States, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/new-occ/resource/files/2.1.4_pdgannualmeetingsummary_acc.pdf
4. **Harvey, H.**, Hirshberg, D., & ^Suralta, B. (2020, July). *Fostering culturally-responsive teaching in early learning for Indigenous children in Alaska*. Presented at the Childcare Development Block Grant Implementation Research and Evaluation Grantees Community of Practice Web Conference, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for the Administration of Children and Families.
5. **Harvey, H.**, & *McKay, K. (2019, April). *Primary and secondary effects of Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children*. Invited poster presentation at the National Training Institute on Effective Practices for Young Children with Challenging Behaviors. St. Petersburg, FL. https://www.academia.edu/45160748/Primary_and_Secondary_Effects_of_Prevent_Teach_Reinforce_for_Young_Children_PTR_YC

Grants and Awards

CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS

School Psychology Program Development (PI) (2024 – current).

School Psychology Program Development (PI) (2023 – 2024)

Aim: To develop a school psychology graduate program, funding to support focus groups, statewide needs assessment, full-time graduate student assistant, and curriculum consultants.

Community Partners: Anchorage School District, Matsu Borough School District, Fairbanks School District, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Funding Source: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
\$87,500.00

Building Workforce Capacity for Children's Mental Health Services: An Inter-College and Community Collaboration. (PI) (2023 – 2024)

Aim: To build workforce capacity in children's mental health services. Provides undergraduate students tuition scholarships to enroll in children's mental health course and Children's Mental Health minor.

Campus and Community Partners: Kathi Trawver, School of Social Work, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Funding: Faculty Initiative Fund, University of Alaska Office of Academics, Student, and Research.
\$30,000.00.

Alaska Statewide Pyramid Model Leadership Team Development Funds. (PI) (2022 – Present).

Aim: To develop and co-lead the Alaska Statewide Pyramid Model Leadership Team

Community Partners: thread Alaska, DEED, DHS, AK-Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Funding: Alaska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Childcare.
\$16,000.

Project BLENDS: Building Capacity for Interdisciplinary Collaboration among Alaska-Based Early Childhood Related Service Providers. (PI) (2021 – Present).

Aim: To develop and sustain an Alaska-based interdisciplinary training model across the disciplines of social work, psychology, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy (available UAA graduate programs) to support infants, young children who experience disabilities or who are at-risk for disabilities and their families

Campus Partners: School of Social Work, Speech – Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy

Community Partners: thread Alaska, DEED, DHS, AK-Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Funding: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education.
\$1,136,786.00

Cook Inlet Tribal Council Improving Child Care Outcomes Research (ICOR). (Co-PI) (2018-2023)

Aims: Improve culturally-relevant practices in a Tribal Early Head Start program and develop an assessment tool using participatory-based research to measure change in practice and guide culturally-reflective practices

Community Partners: Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Clare Swan Early Head Start, thread Alaska,

Funding: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation.
\$852,388.00

OTHER FUNDED GRANTS AND AWARDS

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FASD Data Systems Development. (Project Personnel) (2021-2022). Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Collaboration with Center for Human Development, Alaska Center for Justice, and UAA Public Health. RFP 21-007M FASD Systems Data Development.
\$245,810.00

Project SAID: Serving Alaska's Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. (PI) (2019 – 2020)
Faculty Initiative Fund, University of Alaska. Collaboration with H. Batchelder at the University of Alaska Southeast.
\$29,000.00

INNOVATE Award for Project BLENDS federal grant submission. (PI) (2020) UAA Office of Sponsored Programs, Office of Research. [Intramural]
\$10,000.00

Selkregg Grant: [Bridging Efforts in Early Childhood Yup'ik Immersion Programming](#) (PI) (2018 – 2019)
UAA Center for Community Engagement and Learning. [Intramural]
\$5,000

Social Story Apps and Hybrid Models in Early Childhood Education (PI) (Fall 2015). Academic Innovations and eLearning Technology Innovation Grant, University of Alaska Anchorage. [Intramural]
\$1400

Service to the Department and University

Coordinator, Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health, Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, 2020 – Present

Chair, Psychology Department Faculty Peer Review, College of Arts and Sciences, 2020 – 2022

Co-Facilitator, Community-Engaged Research Fellows, Center for Community Engagement and Learning, 2021 – 2022

Program Lead, Early Childhood Special Education, College of Education, 2018 – 2020

Program Lead, Early Childhood Education, College of Education, 2017 – 2018

Program Review Member, *Speech-Language Pathology Post-Bac*, Fall 2018

Chair, Standing Rules and Practices, College of Education, 2015 – 2016

Member

Clinical Training Committee, MS Program in Clinical Psychology, 2019 – 2023

Children's Mental Health Minor, 2019 – Present

School of Education Peer Review Committee – 2019 – 2020

Search Committee for Tenure-Track Assistant Professor for MS in Clinical Psychology, 2022

Undergraduate Studies Curriculum Committee, Department of Psychology, 2019 – 2022

Behavioral Sciences Conference of the North, Student Presentation Judge, Spring 2016 & Spring 2022

Psychology Department Faculty Peer Review, College of Arts and Sciences, 2019 – 2020

Graduate Certificate in Children's Mental Health, 2018 – 2020

Chancellor's Search Committee, 2017 – 2018

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Library Advisory Committee, 2015 – 2017

CAEP Accreditation Self-Study Committee, 2016 – 2017

College of Education Standing Rules and Practices, 2014 - 2015

University Campus Presentations (n=13)

1. **Harvey, H.** (2024). *Developing Interdisciplinary Proposals Across Disciplines and Colleges*. Oral presentation at UAA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Seminar, March 2024.
2. **Harvey, H.**, Allen, M. D., & Moore, C. (2023). *Project BLENDS 2-year outcomes*. Poster presented at the UAA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Showcase, October 2023.
3. *Russell, R., & **Harvey, H.** (2023). *Initial results from family caregiver focus groups and statewide school psychology needs assessment*. Presented to the Psychology Department Faculty. November, 2024.
4. **Harvey, H.** (2023, April). *Developing interdisciplinary proposals across programs and colleges: Lessons learned from Project BLENDS*. Presented at the Faculty Research and Creative Activity Seminar (FRACAS), UAA Office of Research.
5. **Harvey, H.** (2022, July). *Project BLENDS*. Poster presented at the UAA Chancellor's Industry and Research Showcase. Anchorage, AK.
6. Howell, B., & **Harvey, H.** (2021, May). *Faculty Research Fellows Program*. Presentation at the UAA Center for Community and Engagement and Learning Annual Community Forum.
7. **Harvey, H.**, & Buckingham, S. (2021, February). *Self-care for college educators*. Presented at the UAA ACIDLITE eLearning Luncheon.
8. **Harvey, H.**, & Buckingham, S. (2021, January). *Self-care for college educators*. Presented at the UAA Café Winter Teaching Academy.
9. **Harvey, H.** (2019). *Collaborative continuing education with Anchorage School District preschool program*. Presented at Rapid Fire Session, Urban and Rural in Alaska Community Engagement Conference.
10. **Harvey, H.**, Petticrew, E., & Scott, L. (2019). *Enhancing family-engagement in Yup'ik immersion preschool: A collaboration with Cook Inlet Native Head Start and UAA*. Presented at Urban and Rural in Alaska Community Engagement Conference.
11. **Harvey, H.** (2016, October). *Reducing challenging behaviors in preschool children*. Invited rapid-fire presentation at Urban and Rural in Alaska, UAA Center for Community Engagement and Learning.
12. **Harvey, H.**, & Ohle, K. (2016, October). *Understanding the Alaska Developmental Profile*. Invited rapid-fire presentation at Urban and Rural in Alaska, UAA Center for Community Engagement and Learning.
13. Ohle, K., & **Harvey, H.** (2016, April). *Examining the Alaska Developmental Profile*. Poster presented at the University of Alaska Anchorage Faculty Research and Creative Activity Symposium.
14. **Harvey, H.** (2015, November). *Learning through play*. Invited rapid-fire presentation at Urban and Rural in Alaska, UAA Center for Community Engagement and Learning.
15. **Harvey, H.**, Ohle, K., Hsiao, W., & Roth, K. (2015, April). *Early Childhood Creative Activities Fair*. Poster presented at UAA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Showcase.

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16. **Harvey, H.** (2015, October). *School readiness across the community*. Invited presentation at UAA Faculty Development Day.

Service to the Community - Professional Development & Workshops

Invited Speaker, Alaska Youth and Safety Conference,

Invited Speaker, *Youth Mental Health Roundtable with U.S. Surgeon General*. Hosted by Senator Sullivan and Chancellor Parnell. June 2023

Presenter, *Connection Before Compliance: Therapeutic Approaches to Working with Children*. 3- Hour professional development workshop for Community and Behavioral Services, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. February 2022

Presenter, *Care and compassion in COVID: Moving Forward Together*. 2- Hour Workshop presented to Cook Inlet Native Head Start Staff Development. October 2021

Course Instructor, *ED A556: Social and Emotional Learning within Teacher Education Programs*. 1-credit course for UAA School of Education faculty. Fall 2021

Course Instructor, *EDSE 590: Implementing Evidence-based Practices in the Preschool Classroom Through the Use of Coaching*. Professional Learning Group, 1-credit course for Anchorage School District Preschool teachers. Fall 2019.

Presenter, *Children's Behavioral Health Careers*. Online presentation for the Illisagvik's Behavioral Health Camp. Summer 2020.

Course Instructor, *EDSE 590: Blended Practices for Supporting Diverse Learners in the Preschool Classroom*. Professional Learning Group, 1-credit course for Anchorage School District Preschool teachers. Fall 2018

Presenter, *Embedded Learning in the Preschool Classroom*, ½ day workshop presented to Anchorage School District Preschool teachers. Fall 2018

Presenter, *Parent Coaching 101 for Challenging Behaviors*, 2-hour presentation for Thread Alaska. Fall 2018

Co-Instructor, *EDSE 590: Selecting the Right Academic, Behavioral, and Social-Emotional Interventions and Measuring Efficacy*, 1-credit course for School Psychologists. Fall 2017

Presenter, *Using Authentic Assessment in the Kindergarten Classroom*. Full-day in-service presentation for Anchorage School District Kindergarten teachers and teaching assistants. August 2016

Co-Instructor, *EDC 590: Implementing the Creative Curriculum*. Professional Learning Group, 1-credit course for Anchorage School District Preschool teachers. Fall 2016

Co-Instructor, *EDSE 590: Intervention Supports for Children with Neurological Brain-based Disorder and Anxiety*, 1-credit course for School Psychologists. Fall 2016

CURRICULUM VITA

Instructor, *EDC 590: Learning Through Play*. Professional Learning Group, 1-credit course for Anchorage School District Preschool teachers. Fall 2015

Instructor, *Learning through play: Engaging preschool teachers*. Full day workshop presented for Anchorage School District In-Service Training for preschool teachers. Fall 2016

Co-instructor, *EDSE 590: Assessment of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners*, 1-credit course for school psychologists. Fall 2015

Service to the Profession

Member, Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Group (2024 – present). Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Association.

External Reviewer for Promotion to Professor (2023) for Dr. Serra Acar, Department of Special Education, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Member, Anchorage School District Advisory Board – System to Support Wellness (2023-2024). Anchorage School District group focused on an integrative system to support youth mental health.

Member for Alaska, State Leadership Collaborative (2023). National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations, University of South Florida.

Member, National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations Cohort Fellowship (2023). National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations, University of South Florida.

Task Force Member, Alaska School Safety Task Force for Mental Health, Alaska Department of Health, 2023 – Present

Co-Coordinator and Member, Alaska Statewide Pyramid Model Leadership Team, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Alaska Department of Health, thread Alaska, 2022 – 2024

Board Member, Programs for Infants and Children (PIC), AK Infant Learning/Early Intervention Program, Anchorage, AK 2022 – Present

Committee Member, Alaska Governor's Council on Special Education – Intercoordinating Council (ICC) for Early Intervention, 2018 – Present

Editorial Board Member, ^{^^}Topics in Early Childhood Special Education (10 reviews), 2018 – Present

Committee Member, Alaska Relationship-Based Professional Development workgroup, Thread Alaska, 2019 - 2020

Committee Member, Alaska Child Learning and Instructional Measures for Bridging Success (CLIMBS) Workgroup, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, 2018

Committee Member, Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Advisory Board, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Anchorage AK 2017 – 2018

Continuing Education Coordinator, Alaska School Psychologists Association, 2015 - 2017

CURRICULUM VITA

Reviewer, Nationally Credentialed School Psychologist Portfolios, National Association of School Psychologists, 2014 - 2017

President-Elect & President, Alaska School Psychologist Association, 2014 - 2016

Committee Member, United Way Kindergarten Readiness Network Charter, Anchorage AK, 2014 - 2016

Conference Proposal Reviewer, (2022, 2021)
Division for Early Childhood Conference

Invited Peer Reviewer

^^Early Education and Development (3 reviews)

^^Early Childhood Research Quarterly (1)

^^Journal of Early Intervention (1)

Polar Geography (early childhood issue) 1)

Professional Memberships

- ☐ Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
- ☐ Council for Exceptional Children, Division for Early Childhood
- ☐ American Psychological Association
- ☐ National Association for the Education of Young Children
- ☐ National Association of School Psychologists
- ☐ Alaska School Psychologists Association

Anastasiia Iun

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Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska
Anchorage.

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Ph.D. in Counseling and School Psychology, School Psychology track, with expertise in Applied Behavior Analysis and counseling. Experienced in counseling, educational assessment, behavioral interventions, and social-emotional learning. Skilled in clinical practice, research, and teaching across diverse settings.

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Education

Ph.D. in School Psychology

University of Massachusetts Boston at Boston, MA, USA

Aug 2018 -
May 2023

APA-Accredited, NASP-Approved

Dissertation title: Implementation of Tuning In To Kids Social-emotional Learning Program In The Kyrgyz Republic

Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Clemson University at Clemson, South Carolina

Aug 2016 -
May 2017

M.A. with Honors in Applied Psychology, Counseling Psychology

American University for Central Asia at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Aug 2015 -
May 2017

Thesis title: Understanding of social interactions: Construction of social hierarchy and personal preferences

G.P.A. 3.97/4.0

Dual B.A. with Honors in Psychology

American University for Central Asia / Bard College at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan / Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, USA

Aug 2011 -
May 2015

Thesis title: Adjustment in First Year College Students: Psychosomatic

Signs of Affective Problems G.P.A. 3.89/4.0

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Licensed Psychologist (License #1169)

2024 - Present

License of Applied Behavior Analyst (License: #LABA10000477)

2023 - Present

Nationally Certified School Psychologist (Certification # 67004)

2023 - Present

Board Certified Behavior Analyst-D (Certificate #: 1-19-37054)

2024 - Present

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (Certificate #: 1-19-37054)

2019 - 2024

Employment history

Psychology Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellowship

Sep 2023 - Oct 2024

Children's Nebraska Hospital at Omaha, Nebraska

- Conducted psychotherapy, enhancing patient outcomes through personalized treatment plans.
- Assessed developmental disorders and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to implement effective interventions.
- Led Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), fostering improved family dynamics and child behavior.
- Compiled comprehensive psychological reports, ensuring accurate and detailed patient documentation.
- Engaged with mental health professionals, educators, and legal professionals to support holistic patient care and advocacy.
- Conducted comprehensive psychological assessments, integrating findings to develop individualized treatment plans for improved outcomes.
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings, synthesizing diverse perspectives to create holistic intervention strategies for complex cases.
- Implemented innovative therapeutic techniques, adapting methods to meet unique patient needs and enhance treatment efficacy.
- Provided crisis intervention, offering immediate support and developing long-term coping strategies for patients and families.
- Tracked and analyzed patient progress metrics, using data-driven insights to refine treatment approaches and maximize therapeutic impact.
- Fostered strong partnerships with educators and legal professionals to enhance comprehensive patient care and advocacy in various settings.

Mental Health Counselor, volunteer

Dec 2022 - Aug 2023

Israeli project on psychological support for Ukraine at Ukraine

- Collaborated with mental health professionals, improving client care and referral processes. Referred clients to appropriate services, ensuring access to necessary psychological support.
- Completed ongoing training in crisis support, enhancing skills for wartime psychological care.
- Delivered crisis telehealth support to Ukrainians during wartime, fostering resilience and mental well-being across diverse age groups
- Implemented targeted interventions, measurably improving clients' coping mechanisms and emotional stability in high-stress environments

Mental Health Counselor, volunteer

Dec 2022 - Aug 2023

TellMe at Ukraine

- Delivered crucial psychological support to Ukrainians during wartime, fostering resilience and mental well-being through telehealth services across ages.
- Collaborated with counselors, improving client care through shared insights.
- Referred clients to TellMe, ensuring continued support and resource accessibility.

- Adapted counseling techniques for remote delivery, ensuring effective therapy despite geographical and technological barriers.

Mental Health Counselor, volunteer

Dec 2022 - Aug 2023

Vartozhyty at Ukraine

- Delivered critical telehealth support to Ukrainians during wartime, fostering resilience and mental well-being across all age groups.
- Collaborated with mental health professionals to enhance client care and referral processes.
- Referred clients to Vartozhyty for additional support, ensuring comprehensive care.

Predoctoral Intern

Jun 2022 - Aug 2023

Nebraska Internship Consortium for Professional Psychologists (NICPP), Department of Health and Human Services of Nebraska (DHHS), APA-Accredited at Omaha, Nebraska

- Supported providers and treatment teams in managing high-risk behavioral issues within the community.
- Offered consultations and comprehensive assessments to inform individualized care plans.
- Conducted Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) to identify behavioral patterns and needs.
- Developed and assisted in implementing Behavior Support Plans (BSP) to address specific behavioral challenges.
- Performed various diagnostic assessments to aid in accurate diagnoses and interventions.
- Reviewed and evaluated exception funding requests for developmental disability services.
- Assessed applications for eligibility for government-funded developmental disability services, including reviewing records, administering autism spectrum disorder screeners, and conducting adaptive assessments.
- Conducted initial risk, evaluation, and eligibility assessments to determine potential developmental disability diagnoses and evaluated risks of harm to others, guiding treatment recommendations under the Developmental Disability Court-Ordered Custody Act (DDCOCA).
- Collaborated with DDCOCA treatment teams to monitor progress and participated in ongoing hearings and treatment discussions.
- Provided psychological therapy and behavioral services to individuals aged 20-80 at the state-operated Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Developmental and/or Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-ID/DD) at the Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC).
- Served on the Diversity and Equity Committee at the Nebraska Internship Consortium for Professional Psychologists (NICPP), promoting inclusive practices and equitable care.

Advanced Doctoral Practicum Student

Sep 2021 - May 2022

May Institute at Omaha, Nebraska

- Conducted Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) and assisted in their completion.
- Provided consultation to teachers regarding ABA services in a large, urban school district.
- Trained ABA personnel on behavior analysis techniques and strategies.
- Utilized the Behavioral Consultation model and applied the Conjoint Behavioral Consultation model when appropriate. Consultation sessions involved collaborating with teachers, providing feedback, collecting data, and offering clinical support.
- Worked with children who had different developmental disabilities across diverse racial, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds.
- Collaborated with school and agency staff to assess and enhance educational programs for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), behavioral disorders, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), neurological disorders, and multiple disabilities, often with co-occurring mental health issues.

- Assisted with Functional Behavioral Assessments (FBA).
- Assisted in developing and implementing Behavior Support Plans (BSP) and educational plans.
- Collaborated with Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams.
- Participated in IEP meetings.
- Assisted with progress monitoring, data collection, analysis, and data-based decision-making.
- Assisted with psycho-educational, social skills, behavioral, and developmental assessments.
- Provided and assisted with Response to Intervention (RTI) consultations.
- Provided and assisted with classroom and high-risk case consultations.
- Collaborated with school providers.
- Assisted with program evaluations.
- Provided and assisted with system-wide consultations.

Doctoral Practicum Student

Sep 2020 - Jun 2021

Henry Grew School, K-8 at Boston, Massachusetts

- Provided counseling and psychoeducation, including social-emotional learning and self-regulation skills, to students with IEPs or those needing Tier 3 support.
- Co-facilitated Student Support Team (SST) meetings, which involved preparing the agenda, revising it, and distributing it to team members before the meetings.
- Participated in Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model meetings and IEP meetings.
- Engaged in virtual observations of psychoeducational assessments, parent and teacher interviews, and supported psychoeducational report writing.

Doctoral Practicum Student

Sep 2019 - Jun 2020

Blackstone School at Boston, Massachusetts

- Observed and independently conducted cognitive and educational assessments; participated in and supported teacher and parent interviews.
- Supported psychoeducational report writing, including record reviews, analysis of previous reports, and case conceptualization.
- Participated in IEP and Student Support Team (SST) meetings.
- Provided counseling to children with various needs, including psychoeducation on social-emotional skills, self-regulation skills, play therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), and autism spectrum disorder (ASD) counseling groups for those entitled to counseling in their IEPs or needing Tier 2 or Tier 3 supports.
- Independently conducted behavior observations, including Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) and Behavioral Observation of Students in Schools (BOSS); conducted interviews with teachers, parents, and school administrators; and wrote behavioral reports.
- Developed Behavior Intervention Plans (BIPs) based on data collected during Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavioral Observations of Students in Schools.

Pre-practicum Student

Sep 2018 - Dec 2018

Lee Academy Pilot, Charles H Taylor School at Boston, Massachusetts

- Developed familiarity with various cognitive assessments and psychoeducational report writing.
- Observed cognitive assessments, as well as teacher and parent interviews.
- Participated in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings.
- Observed counseling sessions with students experiencing diverse needs, including anxiety, depression, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and social-emotional difficulties.

ABA trainer, ABA therapist, mental health counselor

Mar 2018 - Jul 2018

Logos at Aktau, Kazakhstan

- Conducted needs assessments, developed training plans, and delivered training for ABA therapists through lectures, role-plays, and applied assignments; continuously assessed their skills, monitored progress, observed therapy sessions with children, provided performance feedback, and assisted with behavior development plans.
- Developed and delivered ABA training sessions for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs.
- Provided individual therapy to children with special needs, including skills assessments, development of behavioral plans, progress graphing, and skills monitoring.
- Provided psychological counseling to children with diverse needs.
- Facilitated professional meetings to support collaboration and training goals.

School Psychologist, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapist

Nov 2017 - Mar 2018

Ruka v Ruke at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- Provided individual therapy to children with special needs, including skills assessments, development of behavioral plans, graphing progress, and skills monitoring.
- Delivered individual parent training in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
- Developed and conducted ABA training sessions for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs.
- Conducted needs assessments, created training plans, and delivered training for ABA tutors through lectures, role-plays, and applied assignments; continuously assessed their skills, observed therapy sessions, and provided performance feedback.
- Assisted teachers in instructing children with special needs and in implementing group and individual behavior plans.
- Assisted in developing and independently created educational materials tailored to each child.
- Shadowed children who required an ABA tutor.
- Supervised clinical work, including both individual and group therapy, and developed behavioral intervention plans.
- Designed and implemented psychological interventions for children with special needs.
- Provided psychological support to schoolteachers seeking consultations from *Ruka v Ruke*.
- Conducted psychological and behavioral observations of children with special needs at *Ruka v Ruke* and in schools; authored psychological and behavioral reports.
- Conducted intake interviews with prospective patients or clients.
- Provided psychological support and consultations to parents and family members of children with special needs.

Clinical Director Assistant of Intensive Therapy Division and Intensive Consultations for Parents Division, ABA therapist

International Child Development Center "ABC" at Astana, Kyrgyzstan

Aug 2017 - Oct 2017

- Supervised all clinical work in the center, including individual and group therapy, and developed behavioral intervention plans.
- Conducted needs assessments, created training plans, and delivered training for ABA therapists through lectures, role-plays, and applied assignments; continuously assessed their skills, monitored progress, observed therapy sessions with children, and provided performance feedback.
- Developed and delivered ABA training sessions for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs.

- Conducted intake interviews and provided individual therapy to children with special needs, including skills assessments, development of behavioral plans, progress graphing, and skills monitoring.
- Facilitated professional meetings to support coordination and training objectives.

Manager of Intensive Therapy Division, ABA therapist

Aug 2014 - Aug 2017

International Child Development Center "ABC" at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- Supervised clinical work, including individual and group therapy, and developed behavioral intervention plans.
- Conducted needs assessments, created training plans, and delivered training sessions for ABA therapists through lectures, role-plays, and applied assignments; continuously assessed their skills, monitored progress, observed therapy sessions with children, and provided performance feedback.
- Delivered individualized ABA training to parents of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs.
- Provided individual therapy to children with special needs, including skills assessments, developing behavioral plans, creating progress graphs, and monitoring skill acquisition.
- Facilitated professional meetings to support collaboration, training, and program development.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Massachusetts Boston, Department of Counseling and School Psychology, Boston, MA, USA

Brian Daniels, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Spring 2019 – Spring 2022)

- Led a research group and co-authored a manuscript titled *Understanding of Social Interactions: Construction of Social Hierarchy and Personal Preferences in Kyrgyz Schools*.
- Assisted with a systematic literature review on social-emotional learning (SEL) measuring tools in school psychology research, including data coding.
- Assisted with a literature review on the inclusion of social validity in school psychology research, performing article searches and data coding.

Amy L. Cook, Ph.D., Department Chair, Associate Professor, and Graduate Program Director of Counseling (Fall 2018 – Spring 2022)

- Led a research group and co-authored a manuscript titled *Transitioning to Higher Education: College Adjustment of International Students from Central Asia and South Asia*.
- Familiarized with the implementation of social-emotional learning through dialogic reading.
- Co-implemented dialogic reading as a social-emotional learning intervention with mixed-reality simulation; collected, coded, and analyzed data; contributed to manuscript writing; prepared poster presentations; and presented at various conferences.
- Analyzed qualitative data for the research project *Exploring Systems-Level Family Engagement Practices Across Elementary and PK-8 Schools*; assisted with presentation preparation and co-presented at the New England Educational Research Organization conference.

Melissa A. Collier-Meek, Ph.D., BCBA, Associate Professor (Fall 2018 – Spring 2021)

- Conducted studies on the acceptability of research methodologies.
- Assisted with data coding for a meta-analysis on the usability of acceptability in school psychology research.

- Supported research on school teams, including developing operational definitions, performing literature searches, coding data for interobserver agreement (IOA), and preparing data for IOA analysis.

Research Assistant

University of Massachusetts Boston, Department of Counseling and School Psychology, Boston, MA, USA

Rakhshanda Saleem, Ph.D., Lecturer (Fall 2016)

- Gained familiarity with structural violence by reading research articles, participating in research group discussions, and contributing to developing research ideas on structural violence.
- Assisted with grant seeking, grant writing, and the grant application process.
- Supported the development of research ideas and transcribed interviews.

Elena Kosterina, Ph.D. Candidate (Fall 2014)

- Assisted with participant recruitment and data collection for the dissertation research titled *Unexplained Gynecological Symptoms in Women with Experience of Gender-Based Violence in Kyrgyzstan*.

University of Arizona, Linguistics Department, Tucson, AZ, USA

Joshua Meyer, Ph.D. Candidate (Fall 2013)

- Assisted with conducting a research study on phonological processing in Kyrgyz-Russian bilinguals, including data collection for the development of the Kyrgyz language section for *Project Corpus*, participant recruitment, data entry, and data analysis.
- Gained familiarity with psycholinguistics.
- Assisted with participant recruitment and data collection for the dissertation research titled *Unexplained Gynecological Symptoms in Women with Experience of Gender-Based Violence in Kyrgyzstan*.

American University for Central Asia, Department of Psychology, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Olga Yarova, M.A., Assistant Professor (Fall 2012)

- Assisted with conducting research on the current state of organizational psychology (HR) in Bishkek companies, including data collection, participant recruitment, data entry, and data analysis.

Supervisory experience

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Apr 2023 – Aug 2024 (Virtual)

Teplo Center, Kyiv, Ukraine

- Provided individual supervision and mentorship to the Clinical Director.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Sep 2022 – May 2023 (Virtual)

Start Center, Lviv, Ukraine

- Provided individual supervision to the Clinical Director, assisting with BCBA exam preparation.

- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Sep 2022 – May 2023 (Virtual)

Kactus Center, Lviv, Ukraine

- Provided individual supervision to the Clinical Director.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

School Psychology University Supervisor

Fall 2021

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, USA

- Supervised three master's-level school psychology students in weekly small-group sessions.
- Provided feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, intervention, consultation, counseling, theoretical orientation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Participated in weekly meta-supervision to enhance supervisory practices.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Mar 2021 – Dec 2021 (Virtual)

Hand in Hand, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

- Provided individual and group supervision to three ABA therapists with varied experience levels.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Jun 2021 – May 2024 (Virtual)

Logus Centrum, Prague, Czech Republic

- Provided individual supervision to the Clinical Director.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Jan 2020 – Dec 2021 (Virtual)

Belaya Vorona, Moscow, Russia

- Provided individual and group supervision to thirteen ABA therapists with varied experience levels.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Sep 2020 – Aug 2021 (Virtual)

ABA All Day, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

- Provided individual and group supervision to the Clinical Director and four ABA therapists with varied experience levels.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Aug 2020 – Mar 2023 (Virtual)

Neuroflex, Kyiv, Ukraine

- Provided individual supervision to the leading ABA specialist of the center.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied ABA therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

BCBA-Supervisor, Consultant

Oct 2019 – July 2022 (Virtual)

ABA Angel, Bukhara, Uzbekistan | Dreamberry, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- Provided individual supervision to the Clinical Directors of both ABA centers.
- Delivered feedback on case conceptualization, assessment, parent consultation, intervention development and implementation, multicultural competence, ethical issues, systems-level processes, self-care, and professional identity development.
- Supplied ABA therapists with necessary materials for professional development.

Peer-reviewed publications

Iun, A., Molchanova, E., Molina, A. P., Sreekala, R., & Cook, A. L. (in press). Transitioning to higher education: College adjustment of international students within Central Asia and South Asia. *Educational Psychology*.

Xu, F., Gage, N., Zeng, S., Zhang, M., **Iun, A.**, O'Riordan, M., & Kim, E. (2024). The Use of Digital Interventions for Children and Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder-A Meta-Analysis. *Journal of autism and developmental disorders*, 10.1007/s10803-024-06563-4. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-024-06563-4>

Brodsky, L., **Iun, A.**, Ervin, A., Cook, A. L., & Pearrow, M. (2023). Exploring systems-level family engagement practices across elementary and PK-8 schools. *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*, 0(0), 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10474412.2023.2269389>

Cook, A. L., Murphy, K. M., Fallon, L. M., Ervin, A., **Iun, A.**, & Whitehouse, A. (2023). Exploring the application of dialogic reading strategies and mixed reality simulations in supporting social-emotional learning among young students in an after-school setting. *Contemporary School Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40688-023-00470-8>

Zhong, M., Qiu, J., Zhao, H., Xu, F., **Iun, A.**, Shen, M., & Zeng, S. (2023). Parental relationships and the social emotional and behavioral problem of children in China: Insights for the three-child policy. *Current Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-023-04706-x>

Daniels, B., Bender, S. L., Ballard, S., **Iun, A.**, & Fowler, D. (2021). Universal social, emotional, and behavioral screeners for preschool students: A systematic review. *Perspectives on Early Childhood Psychology and Education*, 6(2). <https://doi.org/10.58948/2834-8257.1019>

Monograph

Iun, A. & Gayevska, O. V. (2023). Complex model of ICC development in formal and informal educational settings via SEL framework. *Publishing House "Baltija Publishing."*
<http://baltijapublishing.lv/omp/index.php/bp/catalog/view/297/8260/17230-1>

Book Chapter

Iun, A. (2016). In pursuit of positivity. In Kim, H. S. (Eds.), *Next Generation Leadership*. (pp. 165-174). Acumen. ISBN: 978-0-9904361-6-4 51099

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor

Sep 2024 - Present

University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, USA

- PSY A150 - Lifespan Development
- PSY A365 - Child and Adolescent Development
- PSY A638 - Child Clinical Psychology
- School Psychology Courses

Applied Behavior Analysis Program Co-Developer

Summer 2022 - Aug 2024

ABA&Psy, International Applied Behavior Analysis Organization Approved Content Provider

Developed and taught the following classes:

- APCS 101: Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis
- APCS 102: Research Methodology
- APCS 103: Behavior Assessment
- APCS 104: Behavior Interventions I
- APCS 105: Behavior Interventions II
- APCS 106: Ethics and Critics of Applied Behavior Analysis

Teaching Fellow

Spring 2022

University of Massachusetts Boston, Department of School Counseling Psychology, Boston, MA, USA

- COU 620 03CE: Life Span Human Development (Mental Health Counseling section, Online)

Implemented targeted interventions, measurably improving clients' coping mechanisms and emotional stability in high-stress environments

Taught and assisted in the following classes:

- SPY 602-2: Standardized Assessment and Report Writing (Ph.D. student section), Fall 2021
- COU 606: Ethical Standards and Professional Issues in Counseling, Summer 2021
- SPY 603: Foundations of Educational Assessment and Data-Based Decision Making, Spring 2021
- CSP 704: Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Counseling and School Psychology, Fall 2020
- COU 606: Ethical Standards and Professional Issues in Counseling, Summer 2020
- CSP 708: Intermediate Statistics, Spring 2020
- SPY 602-1: Standardized Assessment and Report Writing (Ed.S. student section), Fall 2019

Scholarly presentations

Gayevska, O. V. & **Iun, A.** (2022, November 19-20). *Implementation of web-oriented technologies in development of intercultural competences among undergraduate students through behavioral approach* [PowerPoint slides]. *1st International Conference on Education: The Changing Educational Landscape*. Virtual. Karachi, Pakistan.

Iun, A., & Gayevska, O. (2023, February 18). *Experience in providing support to families and professionals in the world of applied behavior analysis* [PowerPoint slides]. Human Rights Vector NGO. Virtual, Kyiv, Ukraine.

Iun, A., Kobenko, D., Lamm, J., Gayevska, O., & Grigoryeva, I. (2022, July 10). *Recommendations on stabilizing children with special needs who experienced war: A behavior analyst perspective* [PowerPoint slides]. International School Psychology Association Conference. Leuven, Belgium.

Iun, A., Molchanova, E., Palacios, A. M., Sreekala, R., & Cook, A. L. (2022, July 8). *Transitioning to higher education: College adjustment of international students within Central Asia and South Asia* [Poster presentation]. International School Psychology Association Conference. Leuven, Belgium.

Cook, A. L., Murphy, K., Fallon, L. M., Ervin, A., **Iun, A.**, & Whitehouse, A. (2021, October 14). *Social-emotional learning & mixed reality simulation as Tier 2 intervention* [PowerPoint slides]. Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health. University of Maryland School of Medicine. Baltimore, MD, USA.

Iun, A. (2021, October 2). *Understanding of social interactions: Construction of social hierarchy and personal preferences* [PowerPoint slides]. *Autism: Educational and Upbringing Strategies, IV International Scientific and Applied Conference for Parents and Professionals*. Moscow, Russia.

Asanalieva, A., **Iun, A.**, & Hunt, N. (2021, September 19). *Parent training in applied behavior analysis and the level of parenting stress among parents of children with autism in the Kyrgyz Republic* [PowerPoint slides]. *International Online Conference: Science and Practice of Applied Behavior Analysis. Modern Strategies for Correcting Behavioral Problems in Children with ASD: From Initial Assessment to Socialization*. Virtual, Moscow, Russia.

Iun, A., Molchanova, E., Hall, A., & Cook, A. (2021, May 12). *Supporting college adjustment of international students from Central and South Asia: Using risk and resilience framework* [PowerPoint slides].

slides]. *Student Success Showcase*. College of Education and Human Development, University of Massachusetts Boston. Virtual, Boston, MA, USA.

Iun, A. (2021, March 6). *The need to implement SEL curriculums in schools in the Kyrgyz Republic* [PowerPoint slides]. *World Kurultai of Progressive Kyrgyzstanis*. Virtual, USA.

Ballard, S., Bender, S. L., Daniels, B., & **Iun, A.** (2020, August). *School-based universal behavior screening for preschool students* [Poster presentation]. *American Psychological Association Convention*. Virtual, USA.

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Service

University of Alaska Anchorage (2024-Present)

- Supporting Psychology Department with job candidate search
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University of Massachusetts Boston, College of Education and Human Development, Boston, MA, USA

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Move Green, Ecological NGO, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (2011-2013)

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Honors and awards

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- 2023-present Associate Professor of Special Education
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- 2016-2019 Senior Academic Officer, FastBridge Learning
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- 2009-2016 Co-Director, Southern Maine Area Resource Team (SMART) for Schools
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- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2006, September). *Response to intervention: Basic principles and starting points*. Presentation made at RTI Institute at the May Institute, Randolph, MA.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2006, March). *Are we there yet? Systems-level RTI outcomes*. Mini-Skills Presentation at the national Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2005, August). *Comparing oral and silent (maze) curriculum-based measures of reading fluency for tier I response to intervention (RTI) assessment*. Poster session at the American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Brown-Chidsey, R., & Ferstrom, R.** (2004, March). *Curriculum-based measurement of silent reading: Comparison of literature-based and grade-level controlled passages*. Paper presentation. National Association of School Psychology Annual Convention. Dallas, TX.
- Brown-Chidsey, R. & Maya, C.** (2003, April). *Measurement of reading comprehension skills using curriculum-based measurement: A comparison of multiple-choice and open-ended questions with the maze*. Paper presentation. National Association of School Psychology Annual Convention. Toronto, ON.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2002, February). *Reading to Learn? Using an adapted maze procedure and behavior observations to conduct functional behavioral assessment*. Poster presentation with M. W. Steege. National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2002, February). *Is this as good as it gets? School-wide assessment of reading comprehension using curriculum-based measurement*. Paper presentation. National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2001, April). *Reading to learn: Using a maze task to measure elementary students' reading comprehension*. Poster presentation. National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention. Washington, DC.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (2000, March). *Challenges to behavior interventions: Implementing programs for students with ADHD*. Poster presentation. National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (1999, July). *Making the Most of Computers in Special Education*. Poster Presentation. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Research Project Directors' Conference. Washington, DC.
- Brown-Chidsey, R.** (1999, April). *Making the Most of Computers: An Investigation of Students' Attitudes About the Use of Computers in Special Education*. American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference, Montreal, QU.

Brown-Chidsey, R. (1998, October). *An Investigation of Students' and Teachers' Attitudes About the Use of Computers in Special Education*. Northeast Educational Research Association (NERA) Annual Conference, Ellenville, NY.

Brown-Chidsey, R. (1998, May). *Making the Most of Computers: An Investigation of Students' and Teachers' Attitudes About the Use of Computers in Special Education*. Education and Technology '98: Making the Partnership Work Conference. Hampshire College, Amherst, MA.

Brown-Chidsey, R. (1998, April). *Making the Most of Computers: An Investigation of the Use of Computers by Students with Special Learning Needs*. New England Educational Research Organization Annual Meeting, Portland, ME.

Brown-Chidsey, R. (1996, October). *Assessment of students with special needs: What the general classroom teacher needs to know*. New England Teacher's Day Conference, West Hartford, CT.

BLOGS AND WEBINARS

Blogs (numbers indicate the number of views)

- [How to Use MTSS in Preschool to Improve Learning Outcomes](#) (631)
- [How Preschool Assessment Can Support Great Reading Outcomes in Elementary School](#) (696)
- [Can Catch-Up Growth Be achieved in Education?](#) (1011)
- [The importance of Identifying Historical Trends in Student Data](#) (410)
- [What is the Science of Reading?](#) (797)
- [Should Students with Disabilities Participate in MTSS?](#) (259)
- [Why are Tiered Supports Helpful for All Students?](#) (176)
- [What is Progress Monitoring?](#) (6,295)
- [10 Persistent Progress Monitoring Myths Debunked](#) (number not available)
- [Does Online Instruction Really Work?](#) (398)
- [Digging into the "Digital Divide"](#) (564)
- [Two Components of Effective Reading Instruction](#) (100)
- [How to Use Winter Screening Data](#) (203)
- [Diagnostic Assessment as a Tool for Identifying Learner Needs](#) (6,525)
- [The Difference Between Monitoring Progress and Progress Monitoring](#) (1,907)
- [All About Tier 1 Interventions](#) (83)
- [What is Data-Based Decision Making?](#) (1,538)

Webinars (numbers indicate the attendance at the live event and subsequent views)

- [Fulfilling the Promise of Reading Interventions: Purposeful Practice at Tiers 2 & 3](#) (560)
- [Straight Talk: Effective Practices to Support Students with Dyslexia](#) (2400)
- [Special Education, Curriculum-Based Measures, and Learning Recovery: A Framework for Confident Decision Making](#) (512)
- [English Learners and Dyslexia Screening: Uncover the Root of Reading Difficulties](#) (689)
- [Demystifying Dyslexia: The History, Research, and Best Practices for Supporting All Students](#) (1000)
- [Too Few or Too Many: Preventing Over- or Under-identification for Special Education Services](#) (number not available)
- [Ensuring Success for Students with Dyslexia: Identification and Intervention](#) (556)
- [Failure is Not an Option: Understanding Common Mistakes in MTSS Implementation](#) (number not available)
- [Remote Universal Screening](#) (3,587)
- [Remote Progress Monitoring](#) (1,756)
- [Preventing COVID Slide with Back to School Readiness](#) (394)
- [Universal Screening 101](#) (215)
- [The New Normal: Progress Monitoring Across Spaces to Support Learning](#) (149)
- [Tier 1 Interventions: Targeting Supports to the Needs of All Students](#) (106)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Brown-Chidsey, R. & Flanagan, S. (in progress). Examination of tier 1 core math instruction practices in elementary schools.

Wooster, D., & **Brown-Chidsey, R.** (in progress). The needs of students with disabilities in career and technical schools.

Flanagan, S., & **Brown-Chidsey, R.** (in progress). Experience of dyslexia: Perspectives of students and parents.

OTHER INDICATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (FUNDED)

2021-2026	Invited Expert Consultant: Washington Administrators Improving Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (AIMS). Funded OSEP Grant [CFDA 84.325]. <i>Competency Cluster 8 Learning Objectives: Develop district and school teams and tools.</i>
2022	Invited Expert Consultant: Educator Collaboration for Special Education Leadership (ECSEL). Funded OSEP Grant [CFDA 84.325].
2021	Maine Department of Education. Faculty Position in Special Education with Expertise in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Funded for \$765,258.00.
2015	Maine Community Foundation: SMART Learning Lab Tutor stipends. Funded for \$15,000.00.
2014	Riverside Publishing. Grant for 12 copies of the Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Abilities, 4 th Edition. Maine Community Foundation: Summer Programming Extension. Funded for \$76,000.00. University of Southern Maine Center for Technology Enhanced Learning Technology Grant. Tablet Computers for the SEHD Assessment Center. Funded for \$3,000.00
2013	Maine Community Foundation: Maine TEACHERS [Learning Lab implementation]. Funded for \$166,000.00 over 3 years. RSU 14 (Maine) Internship project. Funded for \$32,240.00.
2012	Maine Community Foundation SMART Learning Lab Development Project. Funded for \$15,000.00. Biddeford School Department (Maine) RTI Implementation Support. Funded for \$8,100.00. Rockland (ME) School Department Positive Interventions and Support Implementation. Funded for \$4,050.00. SAD 11 (Maine) Positive Interventions and Support Implementation. Funded for \$12,150.00.
2011	Biddeford School Department (Maine) RTI Implementation Support. Funded for \$5000.00. SAD 15 (Maine) Math Curriculum Review. Funded for \$1025.00. Sebago Educational Alliance (Maine) Internship Training Grant Funded for \$10,000.00 Portland Public Schools (Maine), PBIS Implementation Support. Funded for \$57,088.00. Easton, Maine RTI Implementation Support. Funded for \$2,500.00.
2010	RSU 4 (Maine) Math Curriculum Review. Funded for \$350.00.

	SAD 6 (Maine), PBIS Implementation Support. Funded for \$10,000.00.
	Lyseth School, Portland, Maine, PBIS Implementation Support. Funded for \$6,000.00
	Portland Public Schools (Maine), AIMSweb Implementation Support. Funded for \$1,500.00
	SAD 1 (Maine) RTI Implementation Support. Funded for \$2,500.00.
	Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. RTI in Rural Schools Program.
	Anchorage (Alaska) School District. RTI Training Program. Funded for \$9,000.00
2009	National Center on Response to Intervention. Training Materials Preparation for the Maine Department of Education. Funded for \$4000.00.
2008	Woodcock-Munoz Foundation. Grant of updated instructional materials for the USM College of Education and Human Development Assessment Center. Funded for \$1,500.00
2007	USM College of Education and Human Development, Research mini-grant. Funded for \$1000.00.
2006	University of Southern Maine Center for Technology Enhanced Learning. Online course development grant. Funded for \$3,000.00
	Woodcock-Munoz Foundation. Grant of instructional materials for the USM College of Education and Human Development Assessment Center. Funded for \$2,400.00
2005	USM College of Education and Human Development, Research mini-grant. Funded for \$480.00.
2003	Grant for purchase of testing materials for the University of Southern Maine, College of Education and Human Development Assessment Center. Woodcock-Munoz Educational Foundation. Funded for \$11,200.00.
	Community Building Grant. University of Southern Maine Center for Teaching. School Psychology Program. Funded for \$250.00.
	Curriculum-based assessment in special education: Knowledge, use, and attitudes.
	University of Southern Maine, Faculty Senate Research Grant. Funded for \$1,215.00.
2002	Community Building Grant. University of Southern Maine Center for Teaching. School Psychology Program. Funded for \$200.00
1998	<i>Making A Difference: An Investigation of the Role of Instructional Technology in Special Education.</i> Submitted to the Research in Education of Individuals with Disabilities Program (USDOE). Student Initiated Grants Projects, Mary Lynn Boscardin, principal investigator. (CFDA No. 84-123B). Funded for \$20,000.

AWARDS

2016	National Association of School Psychologists: President's Award
2015	Maine Association of School Psychology: Lifetime Achievement Award
2014	University of Southern Maine, College of Education and Human Development. Community Engagement Award
2012	University of Southern Maine Faculty Senate Award for Teaching Excellence
1995	Eaglebrook School Henry R. Kravis Award for Teaching Excellence

COURSES TAUGHT

At the University of Southern Maine
EDU 600: Research Methods
EDU 697: Statistics I

EDU 698: Statistics II
 EPB 512: Response to Intervention for General and Special Education
 SED 425/625: Multi-Tier Assessment and Instruction of Mathematics
 SED 427/627: Multi-Tier Assessment and Instruction of Reading
 SED 318/518: Targeted and Individualized Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities
 SED 453/653: Assessment of Academic Achievement
 SED 699: Directed Study
 SPY 501: Variability in Human Development
 SPY 609: Orientation to School Psychology
 SPY 627: Multi-Tier Reading Instruction in General and Special Education
 SPY 671: Physical Bases of Behavior
 SPY 673: Social Foundations of Behavior
 SPY 674: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
 SPY 676: Psychological Principles of Learning
 SPY 672: Assessment of Academic Achievement
 SPY 677: Cognitive Assessment
 SPY 679: Diversity in the Science and Practice of Psychology
 SPY 693: School Psychology Practicum 1
 SPY 694: School Psychology Practicum 2
 SPY 709: History, Systems, and Ethics of Psychology
 SPY 727: Advanced Academic Intervention Methods
 SPY 751: Advanced Research Seminar
 SPY 759: Psy.D. Dissertation

At the University of Alaska

EDA 556: RTI Academy
 EPF 593: Response to Intervention in Rural Settings

At American International College/Hampshire Educational Collaborative Field Site:

EPP 601: Child Development
 EPP 611: Teaching Mathematics to Students with Special Needs

At the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

EDU 300: Introduction to Special Education
 EDU 705: Cognitive Assessment (teaching assistant)

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES SUPERVISED

- Merrill, T. (2018). *A comparison of curriculum-based measures of oral reading fluency*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Pelletier, K. (2018). *Further evaluation of the Preschool Life Skills (PLS) program: Reduced consultant involvement*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Kolbe-Holden, K. (2017). *An evaluation of social skill intervention effects using the Skillstreaming curriculum*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Hathaway, M. (2016). *Teaching children with autism to mand from their peers*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Roy, W. (2016). *A pilot investigation of a multi-tier system of mathematics instruction for pre-kindergarten students*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Swan, J. (2016). *Effectiveness of direct instruction on the oral language development of fifth and sixth grade English language learners*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.

- Boulos, J. (2015). *Peer assisted learning strategies for reading skills improvement for children with social emotional and behavioral disorders*
- Jarmuz-Smith, S. (2015). *A comparison of the effects of low and high-technology activity schedules on task engagement of young children with developmental disabilities*. doctoral dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Long, R. (2015). *Response interruption and redirection applied to life skills tasks*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Williams, D. (2015). *Effects of the 'Strong Kids' curriculum as a targeted intervention for students at-risk for developing depressive disorders*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Flanders, C. (2014). *Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) For Writing: A Tier 2 Intervention For Fifth Grade*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Chenard, M. (2014). *An evaluation of the efficacy of self-regulated strategy development (SRSD) on improving freshman college students' writing abilities*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Swan, M. O. (2014). *Effects of peer tutoring on the reading fluency and comprehension of seventh grade students*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Bartlett, C. (2013). *Evaluating the effectiveness of progress monitoring as a second grade mathematics intervention*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Hugger, K. (2013). *Evaluating the effects of peer-assisted learning strategies (PALS) in mathematics plus an anxiety treatment on achievement and anxiety of third grade students*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Robert, J. (2013). *Effects of the corrective reading program as an intervention for seventh grade English language learners*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Bickford, R. (2012). *Promoting students' social and academic success through teacher praise*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Kiburis, A. (2012). *Evaluating the efficacy of an adaptation of pals for math in a seventh grade classroom*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Andren, K. (2010). *An analysis of the concurrent and predictive validity of curriculum based measures (CBM), the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) for reading*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Harris, E. (2010). *Evaluating the efficacy of reading fluency instruction*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Piechocki, I. (2010). *The effects of specific types of attention on youth with problem behavior*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Gritter, A. (2009). *An evaluation of the handwritten and typed writing performance with instruction and no-instruction conditions of students with disabilities*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.
- Goss, C. L. (2008). *Tier 2 reading interventions: Research study*. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Southern Maine.

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

2022	Certificate in Effective College Instruction (ACUE)
2018-present	Maine Certified Special Education Teacher (K-12)
2012	Sloan Consortium Certificate in Online Teaching (Sloan-C)
2007-present	Alaska Licensed Psychologist
2004-present	Maine Licensed Psychologist
2003-2018	Alaska Certified School Psychologist
2000-present	Maine Certified School Psychologist, Doctoral
2000-present	Nationally Certified School Psychologist
2000-2005	Maine Certified Special Education Teacher (K-12)
1992-2003	Massachusetts Educator Certificate with endorsement as a School Psychologist, Special Educator (P-12), History Teacher (5-12)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2023-present	International Dyslexia Association Northern New England Branch, Board of Directors
2022-2023	Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, Past-President
2021-2022	Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, President
2020-2021	Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, Vice-President
2019-2020;	Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, Representative at Large
2022 - present	
2019-present	Maine Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children, Member
2019-present	Council for Exceptional Children, Member
2001-present	Maine Association for School Psychology, Member
2002-present	American Academy of Pediatrics, Affiliate, Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
2000-present	Phi Kappa Phi, Member
1998-present	American Psychological Association, Division 16 (school psychology), Member
1997-present	American Psychological Association, Member
1997-present	National Association of School Psychologists, Member
1988-present	Phi Alpha Theta, Member

PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL REVIEW ACTIVITIES

2023-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of School Psychology</i>
2020-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Special Education</i>
2016-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Psychology In the Schools</i>
2013-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Applied School Psychology</i>
2010-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Remedial and Special Education</i>
2006-present	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Educational and Psychological Consulting</i>
2001-present	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Special Education Leadership</i>
2001-2010	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>School Psychology Review</i>
2002-2006	Editorial Board, <i>School Psychology Quarterly</i>
1998-2006	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Educational Computing Research</i>
1999-2000	Student Editorial Board, <i>School Psychology Quarterly</i>

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2023-present	Maine CEEDAR State Planning Group
2023-present	Council for Exceptional Children Leadership Development Planning Subcommittee
2022-present	Council for Exceptional Children Conference Proposal Reviewer
2021-present	Maine Department of Education Dyslexia Advisory Group
2017-present	Mat-Su Schools Foundation Board of Directors
2013-present	National Association of School Psychologists Convention Proposal Review Committee

2004-present	American Psychological Association, Division 16 Convention Committee
2021-2022	Maine Department of Education Special Education Workforce Stakeholders Workgroup
2014-2016	Maine Psychological Association, Policy Council
2007-2015	National Association of School Psychologists, Child and Profession Committee, Chair
2000-2016	Maine Department of Education, School Psychological Service Provider Advisory Board
2010-2014	Maine Literacy Team
2010-2013	Maine Response to Intervention Steering Committee
2008-2010	Maine Response to Intervention Stakeholder's Committee
2007-2014	Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) Board, Reviewer
2007-2011	Women and Children's Health Association, Board of Directors
2007-2010	National Association of School Psychologists, Child and Profession Committee, Co-chair
2002-2007	Futures Task Force on Academic Outcomes, School Psychology Leadership Roundtable, Chair
2005	Invited Participant Early Career Scholar, School Psychology Research Collaboration Conference, Washington, DC, August 2005
2003-2013	Maine liaison, School Psychology Futures Conference
2005-2007	Task Force on Special Education Eligibility Definition, Maine Department of Education
2003-2005	Treasurer, Maine Association of School Psychology
2002	Invited on-site participant, School Psychology Futures Conference, Indianapolis, IN, November 2002.
2002-2003	Newsletter Editor, Maine Association of School Psychology
2000-2002	Maine Advisory Task Force on Assistive Technology

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE COMMITTEES

2023-present	Research Council, Member
2019-present	Research Advisory Council, Member
2013-present	Institutional Review Board (IRB), Member
2020-2022	Graduate Council, Member
2010-2013	Institutional Review Board (IRB), Chair
2008-2010	Strategic planning task force work group 4: Campus and community
2005-2009	Graduate Council
2003-2010	Institutional Review Board (IRB), member
2002-2006	Child Care Advisory Board, chair

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES

2020-present	Curriculum Committee, Member
2020-2021	Faculty Development Committee, Member
2015-2016	Promotion and Tenure Committee, member
2001-2016	Assessment Center Committee, Chair
2010-2012;	Cross-School Committee on Special Education
2006-2007	
2009-2010	Scholarship Committee
2005-2007	Technology Committee, Co-chair
2002-2004	Professional Development Center Steering Committee
2002-2003	Human Development Major Committee

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

2019-2023	Special Education Major Planning Committee
2005-2010	APA and NASP accreditation committee, chair
2004-2010	Curriculum Committee
2000-2005	Psy.D. Planning Committee

2002-2003 NASP Program Approval Board Re-Accreditation Portfolio, Chair

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2023 Conducted an in-service workshop for special educators in the Veazie, Maine School Department

2022 Consultation with Maine school districts regarding effecting reading instruction

2021 Conducted an in-service workshop for special educators in the Bangor, Maine School Department

Conducted a nationally distributed webinar for school psychologists and special educators about common mistakes when implementing an MTSS and how to address them.

Conducted two webinars for Maine special educators about best practices in understanding orthographic processing in response to recent Maine special education hearing decisions.

2020 Consulted with Pine Tree Legal services (Maine) regarding reading instruction practices as included in Maine IEPs

2019 Conducted professional development for special education and school psychology staff in the Anchorage, Kodiak, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Districts (Alaska)

2018 Conducted professional development for special education and school psychology staff in Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (Alaska) and Cumberland, Falmouth, Gorham, and Yarmouth (Maine)

2017 Conducted professional development for special education and school psychology staff in Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (Alaska)

2016 Conducted professional development for special education and school psychology staff in Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (Alaska) and Cumberland, Falmouth, Gorham, and Yarmouth (Maine)

2015 Chaired creation and/or revision of 3 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly

Conducted professional development for special education and school psychology staff in Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (Alaska) and RSU14 (Maine)

2014 Chaired creation and/or revision of 3 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly

2013 Chaired creation and/or revision of 2 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly

2012 Chaired revision of 7 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly

2011 Chaired revision of 4 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly

Conducted RTI training workshops for Portland Public Schools, Portland, ME

- 2010 Chaired revision of 3 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly
- Conducted RTI training workshops for Maine Regional School Union 21 and Maine School Administrative District 1, Kennebunk and Presque Isle, Maine
- 2009-2010 Brown-Chidsey, R. (2009-2010). Response to intervention: Workshop series. University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
- 2009 Conducted RTI training workshops for Anchorage, Lake and Peninsula, and Matanuska-Susitna, Alaska School Districts
- 2008 Co-chaired revision of 12 NASP position statements; presented statement drafts at NASP Delegate Assembly
- Chaired team that developed a web site for resources related to effective academic outcomes for all students: <http://www.usm.maine.edu/cehd/future/>
- 2007 Provided consultation to Alaska and Maine school districts concerning Response to Intervention and CBM-DIBELS practices
- Conducted RTI training workshops for Juneau, Alaska School District
- 2006 Chaired regional conference on Response to Intervention, Augusta, ME.
- Presented professional development workshops on Response to Intervention (RTI) and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) methods for education professionals
- Provided consultation to Maine school districts concerning Response to Intervention and CBM-DIBELS practices
- 2005 Presented professional development workshops on Response to Intervention (RTI), Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM), and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) methods for education professionals
- Provided consultation to Maine school districts concerning Response to Intervention and CBM-DIBELS practices
- 2004 Presented information about response to intervention (RTI) methods for Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC)
- Conducted DIBELS trainings for school personnel
- Co-presented at workshop on clinical supervision in school psychology
- Presented a Mini-Skills workshop at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention, Dallas, TX. *Using Response to Intervention Methods to Assist Struggling Learners*
- 2003 Presented on reading interventions to school psychology practitioners
- Participated in the Northeast regional officers NASP meeting
- Presented on ADHD to parents of children with ADHD, Windham, ME.

Panel member, University of New England Medical School, School Connections Case Study, Biddeford, Maine

In-service workshop for teachers on Curriculum-Based Measurement, Gorham School Department, Gorham, Maine

Panel Discussion Presenter, Integrative Session to Review Implementation Steps at The Future of School Psychology Conference:
http://video.indiana.edu:8080/ramgen/vic/futures_20021116_2.rm

2002 Post-doctoral Fellow and School Psychological Service Provider, Windham School Department, Windham, Maine
Direct Instruction for Reading and Curriculum-Based Measurement. Workshop for school psychology professionals. Applied Behavior Analysis Workshops, Standish, ME.
Presented on learning disabilities diagnosis to Kennebunk, Maine Special Education Department personnel

Self-assessment of Supervision Skills. Workshop for school psychology professionals. Professional Development Center, University of Southern Maine. Gorham, ME.

Presented on classroom best practices for students with learning and attention difficulties to Longfellow School (Brunswick, Maine) teachers and parents

Post-doctoral Fellow and School Psychological Service Provider, Windham School Department, Windham, Maine.

2001 *Risk assessment of potentially violent youth*. Workshop for school psychology professionals. Professional Development Center, University of Southern Maine. Gorham, ME

Social Skills Assessment. Workshop for school psychology professionals. Professional Development Center, University of Southern Maine. Gorham, ME

Post-doctoral Fellow and School Psychological Service Provider, Windham School Department, Windham, Maine.

Presented information on reading comprehension strategies to Freeport, Maine middle school personnel

Presented research and intervention implications for reading comprehension to classroom teachers at Village School (Gorham, Maine)

Presented research and intervention implications for reading comprehension to classroom teachers at Harrison Middle School (Yarmouth, Maine)

Presented research and intervention implications for reading comprehension to classroom teachers at Elementary School (Cumberland, Maine)

Presented research and intervention implications for reading comprehension to classroom teachers at Plummer-Motz School (Falmouth, Maine)

2000 *Curriculum-Based Measurement: What is it and why do it?* Half day workshop. Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. East Longmeadow, MA

Testing in the spirit of the law: Using curriculum-based measurement to identify and teach

students with special needs. Full day workshop. Frontier Regional and School Union 38 districts. Whately, MA

1999 *Learning Disabilities and Reading Difficulties.* Full day workshop. Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. East Longmeadow, MA

Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM). Full day workshop. Hampshire Educational Collaborative. Northampton, MA

1998 *Batteries not included: Energizing students with learning difficulties.* Faculty in-service training. Eaglebrook School, Deerfield, MA

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EDUCATION

- 2014 Graduate Certificate, University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska
Major: Educational Leadership, K-12
- 2005 Ph.D., University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon
Major: School Psychology
Dissertation Title: The effect of corrective feedback and individualized practice guided by formative evaluation on the reading performance of children who have not made adequate progress in early reading instruction.
- 1995 S.S.P., Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
Major: School Psychology
- 1991 B.A., University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Major: Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present Senior Director of Mental Health and Student Support
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2019-2022 Adjunct Faculty, Educational Leadership Program
Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska
- 2018-2022 Senior Director of Teaching and Learning
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2013-2018 Senior Director of Professional Learning
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2012-2013 Curriculum Coordinator, Response to Instruction (RTI)
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2009-2012 Special Education School Psychology Lead
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2003-2012 School Psychologist
Anchorage School District, Anchorage, Alaska

2001-2009 Educational Consultant
Alaska

1995-2000 School Psychologist
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Kenai, Alaska

1994-1995 School Psychologist Intern
Waukegan Public Schools, Waukegan, Illinois

COURSES TAUGHT

Chadron State College

EDCI 635: Curriculum Development
EDAD 638: Personnel Administration
EDAD 632: Supervision of Instruction

University of Alaska

ED555: CHAMPS Enhanced
ED555: CHAMPS: A Proactive & Positive Approach to Classroom Management
ED555: Creating Effective Student Support Teams
ED555: Introduction to Response to Instruction (RTI)
ED555: Equity Through the SEL Lens
ED555: Middle School RTI Academy
ED556: Response to Instruction (RTI): Tire 1 Universal Screening
ED555: Behavioral Response to Instruction: Creating a Continuum of Supports

University of Oregon (Teaching Assistant)

Foundations in Learning and Intervention
School Psychology Practicum

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Wilson, B., Steinhauser, J., Davis, J., and Knutson, J. (2019). *Innovations in SEL evidence-based practices*. CASEL SEL Exchange Conference, Chicago, IL.

Knutson, J. & Davis, J. (2017). *Implementing SEL to maximize student success*. Northwest TURN Conference, Portland, OR.

Davis, J., & Knutson, J. (2015). *Using staff survey data to strengthen school-wide SEL implementation*. CASEL Collaborating Districts Initiative Convening, Cleveland, OH.

Davis, J. & Knutson, J. (2013). *SEL sustainability in the Anchorage School District*. CASEL Collaborating Districts Initiative Convening, Nashville, TN.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP PROJECTS & GRANTS

Anchorage School District

- 2022-present Integrated School-based Mental Health
- 2022-present Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- 2022-present Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant
- 2016-2022 Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- Fall 2016 Equity in Education Project, Partnership with First Alaskans Institute
- 2015-2020 Partnerships for Success: Social Emotional Learning & Culturally Responsive Practices, Cook Inlet Tribal Council & SAMHSA Grant
- 2013-2018 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Collaborating Districts Initiative, Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
- 2013-2018 Project Connect: Supporting Military Connected Students Through SEL and Experiential Education, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Grant
- 2011-2015 Response to Instruction (RTI) for Reading and Math
- 2009-2013 Universal Screening and Progress Monitoring
- 2009-2011 Student Support Teams
- 2003-2009 Reading First Program, Mountain View Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

- 1997-2000 Early Reading Project & Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

- 2024 UAA School Psychology Advisory Board
- 2023-present Alaska Behavioral Health Advisory Council
- 2022 UAA School of Education Advisory Committee
- 2018-present Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC), Anchorage School District
- 2010-present Alaska RTI/MTSS Conference Committee (conference co-founder)
- 2016-2022 Learning Forward Alaska Affiliate Board
- 2011-2012 Alaska Literacy Blueprint: Birth to Graduation Statewide Committee
- 2010-2012 Alaska School Psychologist Association President Elect and President
- 2008-2009 Alaska Response to Intervention Statewide Committee

AWARDS

2008 Alaska School Psychologist of the Year

CERTIFICATIONS

2015-2025 Alaska Administrative Certificate, Type B

1997-2015 Alaska Special Services Certificate, Type C/Type K
- Applied for Type C renewal on July 29, 2024

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Association of School Psychologists

Alaska School Psychologist Association

American Psychological Association, Division 16

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 8

◆ ISSUE

These are standing reports to the board regarding the divisions within the Department of Education and Early Development and the Attorney General's office.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The board will be briefed on department activity in the form of standing reports.
- Behind this cover memo are standing reports for:
 - 8A. Division of Innovation and Education Excellence;
 - 8B. Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums;
 - 8C. Division of Finance and Support Services;
 - 8D. Mt. Edgecumbe High School;
 - 8E. Attorney General's Office; and,
 - 8F. Office of Education Advocacy
- Kathy Moffitt, Director of the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence; Dr. Amy Philips-Chan, Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums; Heather Heineken, Director of the Finance and Support Services; Suzzuk Huntington, Superintendent of the Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and Susan Sonneborn, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law, will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information update. No action is required.



MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development
Date: October 8-9, 2025
Thru: Deena Bishop Ed.D, Commissioner
Telephone: (907) 269-4583
From: Division of Innovation and Education Excellence
Subject: Agenda 8.0A Division of Innovation and Education Excellence Standing Report

Division of Innovation and Education Excellence 2025 Board Report

The Division of Innovation and Education Excellence (IEE) is dedicated to providing an excellent education for every student every day by focusing division efforts around the five priorities of the [Alaska Education Challenge](#); providing oversight of state and federally funded programs to ensure quality and equity of student services; and providing technical assistance and support to districts statewide.

Career and Technical Education

- Applications for federal Perkins CTE funds are being submitted and approved for the 2025-26 school year. As of September 1st, applications have been submitted and approved for 19 school districts. DEED staff continue to contact and support the remaining districts as they submit plans and apply for funds.
- The annual Alaska Career Guide Training was held in Anchorage September 3-5, 2025. Partners on the project include Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education Program, and RootEd Alliance.
- The Alaska Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) is hosting the annual CTE 2025 Professional Development Conference October 12-15, 2025 at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. This year will focus on collaboration with Alaska's Workforce Future Plan and industry outreach work by Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Data and Accountability

- The summer OASIS data collection was closed on July 15, 2025. This is one of several annual collections that the Data Team manages. The summer OASIS collection assists in

the reporting of student demographics and allows DEED to calculate accountability indicators including the graduation cohorts. It also supports reporting required by the Alaska Reads Act.

- The Data Team collaborated with the Assessments Unit and IT to ensure the timely publication of accurate assessment data. The team participated in a review process for AK STAR and the Alaska Science Assessment prior to the distribution of reports to the districts on July 28th. Prior to the public release, the statewide calculations were completed, reviewed for accuracy, and then released to IT for publication.

The assessment data was published September 5th, and can be viewed here: [2025 Assessment Results - Education and Early Development](#)

Early Learning

- Review of applications for Early Education Program Approval and .5 Average Daily Membership (EEP-ADM Application) was completed
 - 12 applications were submitted
 - 12 applications were approved
 - There are now 13 total districts approved
 - Annette Island
 - Bering Strait
 - Chatham
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough
 - Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - Ketchikan
 - Mat-Su
 - North Slope Borough
 - Petersburg
 - Skagway
 - Southeast Island
 - Valdez
- Training and professional development were offered to districts and Head Start programs throughout the month of August to prepare for the new school year
 - Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) developmental screen: 80 teachers and administrators attended one or more ASQ trainings in August.
 - Teaching Strategies GOLD: four virtual training opportunities and one in-person training in Soldotna. First in a series of monthly support meetings.
 - Support meetings for grantees and 0.5 ADM recipients
- The pre-elementary program goals have been updated. They can be accessed from the [Early Learning Programs Home Page](#).
- Becky Moren, Early Learning Administrator, resigned.

ESEA Federal Programs

- DEED ran a competitive request for applications for federal 21st Century Community Learning Center funds that resulted in over \$3.2 million in awards to provide out-of-school time programming in the following six districts: Anchorage, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Galena, Mat-Su, and Nenana. These awards were promised to be renewed annually for the next five years, dependent upon congressional appropriation of funds. DEED plans to run a similar request for applications this year.

- DEED helped eligible districts apply for over \$700,000 in federal ESEA Title V Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) funds.
- DEED is currently examining data to determine eligible finalists for the Title III-A Distinguished District Award (additional funds provided to the three highest-performing Title III-A districts, based on Accountability data for the English learner (EL) subgroup).
- In collaboration with DEED's Assessments Team and Content Specialists, the EL/III-A Program Manager has begun the process of determining the alignment between the State's English Language Proficiency Standards ([WIDA's ELD Standards Framework, 2020 Ed.](#)) and DEED's Content Standards.
- During the 2024-25 school year, DEED's Title I-C Migrant Education Program staff and stakeholders from across Alaska met to identify the needs of Alaska's migratory children. The final [Comprehensive Needs Assessment report](#) was finalized in June 2025. During the fall of 2025, DEED will continue to meet with the stakeholder working group to develop a State Service Delivery Plan that addresses the identified needs of migratory children and will drive the allowable uses of Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program funds for Alaska's school districts.
- In coordination with the Teacher Certification Administrator, Data team, and IT team, the Title II-A Program Manager has scheduled webinar opportunities for districts to support the Educator Evaluation, First Day Vacancy, and Certified and Classified Staff Accounting data collection processes.
- DEED has established a cycle of district, DEED, and guest presentations to support homeless liaisons through monthly meetings and annual trainings with the goal of increasing engagement and understanding of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Health & Safety

- The Health and Safety team coordinated with members of the ESEA Federal Programs, School Recognition and Support, Special Education, and Teaching and Learning teams to launch the Reducing Chronic Absenteeism initiative. September was Attendance Awareness month. DEED launched a statewide campaign to help address chronic absenteeism in our schools at the Superintendent Fly-in in July.
 - A student who misses 10% of the school year—or approximately two days per month—for any reason is considered chronically absent. Alarming, this affects more than 40% of students across the state each year. When students miss school, they miss out on learning, meaningful relationships, and countless other opportunities that are crucial for development and future success.
 - To combat this issue, DEED introduced the "[Strive for 5 – Attend School All Week!](#)" campaign to raise awareness about the importance of regular school attendance and provide resources to schools and districts to help reduce chronic absenteeism across the state.

As part of this campaign, DEED will be providing:

- The [Addressing Chronic Absenteeism](#) webpage in a multi-tiered system of support format
- An easy start district toolkit with informational sheets for schools to use and share with families and communities
- Community of Practice sessions once a month to share ideas from statewide and national resources. The first Community of Practice will be Oct. 7.

- The DEED Safety & Well Being Summit, “All Hands On Deck,” was held Sept. 10-11, 2025 in Anchorage at the Egan Center. Educational leaders, key staff, and strategic stakeholders from every district across the state came together to strengthen school safety and well-being in Alaska. Together, they learned and shared best practice strategies to promote healthy development and positive school engagement. For more information please visit <https://akschoolsafetyandwellbeing.com/>

School Recognition and Support

- Reviews for the FY26 School Improvement Application are currently underway. The team is providing detailed feedback to school districts to ensure their applications meet all requirements and can be approved. This process is crucial for helping schools secure the funding and support needed to implement their improvement plans effectively.
- The Quality Schools Application process began with technical assistance provided to districts in June and July. This support was followed by preliminary application reviews. The goal of this early review was to offer initial guidance and help districts refine their submissions before final evaluations.
- The School Improvement Team recently partnered with the Health & Safety Team to deliver a presentation at the September Health and Safety Summit. This collaboration highlights the interconnectedness of academic improvement and a safe, healthy learning environment. The joint effort focused on how a school's overall climate, including its health and safety protocols, impacts student success and school-wide performance.
- The School Improvement Team continues to offer comprehensive guidance and information to schools identified under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for additional state support.

Special Education

- Statewide Special Education Software (Embrace® Rollout) - A pilot rollout of Embrace® is underway with seven smaller districts and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. The team thanks Fairbanks for hosting and leading software and data collection adjustments. Special recognition goes to Jamie Carroll and Joseph Hannah under the leadership of Director Kate Hall.
- The department is piloting software from LeaderServices to streamline compliance reviews. If successful, it may allow for a streamlined monitoring cycle, reducing district burden and automating processes. A trial launch is planned for the 2026–27 school year.
- In collaboration with the Commissioner’s Office, work has begun to examine the feasibility of a tribal-based school under Alaska’s special school provision. Options under review include a charter model, special school designation, or the creation of a new district. Initial review began in late August with Commissioner’s Office and legal staff support.
- Weekly meetings with special education directors have resumed for 2025–26. Established during COVID-19, the meetings continue to provide value and are held each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. as open hours to support district needs.
- The SPED team continues to recommend regulatory updates to improve clarity and reduce burdens:
 - 4 AAC 52.250 and 4 AAC 52.252 – Amendments to allow video conferencing for supervisory requirements and potentially require monthly supervision of staff delivering services.

- 4 AAC 52.130(i)(1)(B) – Revision to remove the word “*physical*” from the definition of vision impairment to avoid unintentionally excluding neurological conditions.

These proposals focus on simplification and operational efficiency with fiscal benefits for districts.

Standards and Assessment

- The Assessment Team facilitated the successful release of statewide assessment results for the 2025 administration on September 5th, including the summative Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) and Alaska Science Assessment results. The team is now preparing for the 2026 administration by working with Alaskan educators to review data and items for the Spring assessment.
- In addition to supporting educators through the data and item review process, the Content Specialists have provided back to school professional development for a number of different districts and are offering classes through the University of Alaska system to support quality standards instruction.

Teacher Certification

- Teacher Certification continues to advance its services and system improvements to better support educators and districts across Alaska.
- Andy Gillilan recently joined the team as an Education Specialist, focusing on system efficiencies, software enhancements, and application processing support during peak periods. Andy is supporting districts with AK Reads Act endorsement needs and provides direct support to districts navigating certification requirements.
- The total processing time for certification applications is approximately 4–5 weeks, which is a significant accomplishment during the busiest months of certification processing.
- Over the past three months, four new districts have been added to the Registered Teacher Apprentice Program, and 23–27 apprentices are anticipated to register in the Fall 2025 cohort. DEED has been finalizing tools and resources to support mentors, apprentices, and districts throughout the apprenticeship year.
- After 14 years of service to the Teacher Certification Team, and 29 years of State of Alaska service, Justine Bishop has retired from the Team. DEED thanks Justine for her dedicated service, especially the work she completed the past three years to support the transition from paper-based to online certification processes.

Teaching & Learning and Academic Support

- The Academic Support and Teaching & Learning Team continue to advance statewide literacy efforts through the Alaska Reads Act and aligned federal initiatives. All districts are submitting updated District Reading Improvement Plans (DRIPs) / Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS), as required under the Reads Act. The revised template provides clearer guidance, including a dedicated section on student attendance and a component for longitudinal data review, both of which are essential for monitoring progress and strengthening reading outcomes.
- The Department Reading Program (DRP) is entering its second year, expanding support to 50 schools across seven districts during the 2025–26 school year. Reading specialists will deliver intensive, data-informed support to schools through goal setting, coaching, and targeted reading plans, Intensive School Reading Improvement Plans (ISRIPs), ensuring direct alignment to the priorities of the Alaska Reads Act.

- The Virtual Learning Consortium (VLC) continues to grow, offering expanded access to professional learning that supports the Reads Act requirements and beyond. Newly developed asynchronous courses provide educators with flexible options to complete K–3 Teacher, Administrator, and Early Education Lead endorsements. Additional offerings in evidence-based literacy instruction and data-driven practices allow educators across Alaska to engage in training at their own time, place, and pace.
- The Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant further extends and strengthens the Alaska Reads Act by providing federal resources to advance literacy from birth through grade 12. Through this grant, DEED is facilitating subgrant opportunities that support districts in implementing comprehensive, coordinated literacy plans. Subgrantees are leveraging budgets to strengthen early learning and extend literacy efforts into secondary grades, which includes accessing vetted high-dosage tutoring and evidence-based professional development to ensure a cohesive, statewide approach to literacy improvement.



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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development

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Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

Subject: Agenda 8.0B Division of
Libraries, Archives & Museums
Standing Report

ALASKA STATE
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DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums (LAM) provides and coordinates library services in Alaska, preserves government records, and collects, cares for, and exhibits the cultural and natural heritage of our state. The Division has five main budget components: Library Operations, Archives, Museum Operations, Online with Libraries, and Andrew P. Kashevaroff Facilities Maintenance. The Division supports approx. 50 full-time team members who work at the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.



SPECIAL EXHIBITS



Golga Oscar Exhibition: Yup'ik artist **Golga Oscar** admires a *nasqurrun* (dance headdress) in collections storage in preparation for his solo exhibition at the Alaska State Museum in November 2025.



How to Eat Canned Salmon a new exhibit interactive will be installed in the gallery of the Alaska State Museum in September. A traveling version is available to reserve for museums across the state. Content development, graphic design, and fabrication were supported by funding from the Alaska Maritime Heritage Grant Program.

MUSEUM REACCREDITATION



**American
Alliance of
Museums**

June: LAM hosted two site reviewers as part of the 10-year **reaccreditation process** for the **Alaska State**

Museums with the American Alliance of Museums. Site reviewers met with staff, toured collections, reviewed

policies, conversed with board members, and observed visitor interactions at both the Alaska State Museum in Juneau and Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka.

LAM GRANTS



Alaska Public Library Assistance (PLA) Grants: 81 Alaska public libraries were awarded FY26 PLA Grants of \$7,000 each for a total of **\$567,000** of support from the Division. These non-competitive grant funds can be used for a variety of operating expenditures including staff, utilities, collection materials, computers, and educational programming.



Museum Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Awards: 10 Alaska museums were awarded FY26 GIA Awards for a total of **\$97,871.68** of support from the Division. These competitive grant funds can be used for projects related to collections, exhibits, education, outreach, and organizational development. Funds can be used to purchase supplies and equipment, pay for contractual services and personnel, or other items necessary to support and improve museum services.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH



May 24: Collaborative Bead Study Group #8 learns about the care and repair of Dene Athabascan beadwork in the Alaska State Museum conservation lab.



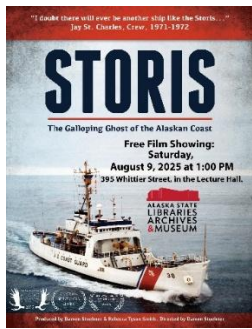
June 17-July 3: Sheldon Jackson Museum Artist-in-Residence Liz Chikayaasiê Morrow (Unangaê) gave two artist talks and a workshop during her three-week residency. Talks were titled, “Relief Printing as a Reflection of Traditional Indigenous Carving” and “My SJM Experience.” The workshop “Intro to Relief Printing” offered participants hands-on experience carving and printing their own linoleum blocks. Morrow also led a community event in which a steamroller rolled over carved linoleum blocks; helped residents at the Sitka Pioneer Home to make bookmark prints; and taught 4-H students how to make relief prints.



July 16-August 1: Sheldon Jackson Museum Artist-in-Residence Shirley Hootch (Yup'ik) gave a public talk in-person and online titled “How I Started” sharing how she began making jewelry with ivory, baleen, and wood. Hootch also led a workshop in which participants carved their own pair of mask earrings and spent time with residents at the Sitka Pioneer Home.



July 17: Cruise ship group “Quilt Addicts Anonymous” shared knowledge of historic textiles in the Alaska State Museum conservation lab.



August 9: LAM offered a free film showing of *Storis: The Galloping Ghost of the Alaskan Coast* produced by Film and Media Archivist **Damon Stuebner**. Lively discussion with many stories about the U.S Coast Guard Cutter *Storis* followed the screening. The public event coincided with the arrival and commissioning of the new *Storis* in Juneau.



August 11: The Children's Exploration Center hosted a **Kinder-Ready In-Service Meeting** for 9 teachers from Mendenhall River Community School and Harborview. The CEC team shared lesson plans that combine collection resources and math concepts to support Alaska State Standards.



August 29: Sheldon Jackson Museum **Artist-in-Residence Sydney Akagi, Tleinax Shaawat** (Tlingit and Haida) gave a public talk "Threads of Resurgence: Chilkat Weaving, Repatriation, and the Power of Indigenous Female Art in Alaska" at the Sheldon Jackson Museum and via Zoom.

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT



State of Alaska Recorders Volumes: The Department of Natural Resources contracted with US Imaging to digitize thousands of Recorders Volumes held in the collections of the Alaska State Archives. Contracted staff arrived in July, set up equipment in the paper lab, and processed volumes with the assistance of Archives team members. Here, staff from US Imaging show FoSLAM board members a high-speed scanner in action.

DIVISION TEAM BUILDING



June: LAM Leadership: **Amy Phillips-Chan, Clint Farr, Kaye Roldan, Addison Field, Freya Anderson, Valarie Kingsland, and Karen Gray** provided updates from across the division for the June 2025 LAM All-Staff Meeting.



June 6: CEC team members **Kaye Roldan** and **Kimberly Naylor** offered a button-making activity for staff to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum on June 6, 1900.



July: Operations Manager **Clint Farr** gave a presentation for the July 2025 LAM All-Staff Meeting focused on the Facilities Council for Deferred Maintenance and the process used for scoring and awarding projects.



August: Library Technology Consultant & OWL Program Manager **Stacy Tomaszewski** offered a presentation on the OWL Zoom, WiFi Analytics, and Internet Cost Assistance Grants for the August 2025 LAM All-Staff Meeting.

FACILITIES



Nimbus: The recognizable green sculpture received its annual scrub in June by museum staff to remove buildup of dirt and moss.



June 28: A truck with camper drove into the clearance bar on the down ramp to the parking garage at the APK. There was some damage to the top of the camper including loss of the sunroof cover. As the camper backed from the collision, the clearance bar was pulled back into position. No long-term damage to the bar or post base was determined following review by an engineer.



Building Lights: Building Maintenance Specialist **Rob Knudson** tackled replacement of sizeable interior and exterior lights at the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building. The lights around Nimbus had not been replaced since installation and are now lighting up the plaza!

LAM: 125th ANNIVERSARY



125th Anniversary Talk: Alaska State Museum Curator of Collections **Steve Henrikson** gave a presentation to a packed audience on 125 years of Alaska history followed by celebratory cake in the atrium.

Family Fun Fair: Over 425 visitors participated in hands-on art, science, reading, and history activities during the **2025 LAM Family Fun Fair** on **July 11**. Special appreciation to our local partners with Sealaska Heritage Institute, AEYC, SEARHC, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the Friends of the Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums for joining us and helping to make this a special community event.





MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development
Date: October 9, 2025

Thru: Dr. Deena Bishop
Commissioner
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From: Heather Heineken, Director
Finance & Support Services
Subject: Agenda 8.C Division Standing Report

School Finance

Foundation Funding Program

- Last legislative session the base student allocation increased from \$5,960 to \$6,660. Under long historical precedent, Foundation payments in the first nine months of a fiscal year are 1/12 of the prior fiscal year's state aid, with the final three months serving as an adjustment to the current calculation. The division thoroughly reviewed statutory language and successfully advocated that the initial payments of the FY2026 funding calculation should be updated to account for the change in formula. With the Governor's Office of Management and Budget agreement, payments reflecting this increase have been issued to Alaska school districts, ensuring districts benefit from the increased funding throughout the school year to better support students and educational programs.
- The 20-day count period ends on the fourth Friday of October each year. For FY2026 the 20-day count will run from September 29 to October 24, 2025.
- Projections for FY2027 are due to the department by November 5, 2025; this provides data for the governor's upcoming budget proposal.
- The federal Impact Aid Program (IAP) determination on the FY2026 disparity test, which will determine whether the state can consider a portion of district IAP funds in state entitlement funding this year, is still under appeal proceedings.

Pupil Transportation Program

- For FY2026, 47 districts are participating in the program with 20 district-operated, 21 contractor-operated, and 14 fee-in-lieu-of operations. Some districts operate a combination of programs. The first payment of FY2026 was issued in August.
- The state contracted school bus inspectors began the first of two annual inspections of school buses in July 2025. Seven districts received an inspection as of the beginning of the fiscal year with 665 initial bus inspections as of August 7.

Residential Schools

- During the open enrollment through June 30, 2025, the department received a residential school program application from Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education program through a consortium of districts lead by Lake & Peninsula Borough School District. The application was approved by the department and will be forwarded for FY2027 funding consideration and approval.
- The FY2026 approved residential school programs will submit residential counts to the department by December 1, 2025, with grant payments being issued January 2026.

School Debt Reimbursement

- The request for FY2027 bond reimbursement allocations is due to the department no later than October 15; with the June 30 end of the moratorium on new school bond reimbursement approval, the department expects additional anticipated debt allocations to be requested by municipalities. This may be offset by statements by legislators on the Finance Committees that an open program does not guarantee program funding.

State and Federal Reporting Requirements

- **District Budget Approval:** School district operating fund budgets are due to the department annually by July 15. The department reviewed FY2026 school district operating fund budgets for compliance with statutes and regulations. The review and approval of school district budgets was completed at the end of August.
- **School District Audits:** Certified audits are due to the department by November 15 in accordance with AS 14.14.050, or state funding is withheld until the audit is received, and the withheld funds are released to the district upon receipt of the audit.
- **Special Education Maintenance of Effort (SPED MOE) Compliance Test:** The SPED MOE Compliance Test assesses whether districts are meeting federal requirements by comparing audited SPED expenditures from the two most recent fiscal years available (FY2024 and FY2023). All districts passed the test except for one. Following extensive review and collaboration, DEED and the district were able to minimize the liability and will be required to return an amount to US ED equal to the shortfall in the district's special education expenditures: \$29,535. The district is working with DEED to address this outcome and ensure compliance going forward.
- **SPED MOE Eligibility Test:** The SPED MOE Eligibility Test ensures that the district's current fiscal year budget for SPED expenditures meets or exceeds the most recent audited expenditures (FY2026 to FY2024), determining eligibility for the IDEA entitlement grant. This test is conducted in September.
- **Federal Reporting:** The Department completed and submitted the FY2024 National Public Education Finance Survey and the Local Education Agency Finance Survey (F-33) Reports.

School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG)

- For FY2026, BAG program awarded \$19,186,871 in funding to 133 schools across 23 school districts. Funds support broadband infrastructure improvements, building on progress from FY2025 when many schools first increased their internet speeds from 25 Mbps to the 100 Mbps benchmark. More than 125 of the awarded schools have reached or maintained 100 Mbps service. Eight awarded schools from FY2025 BAG exited the program this year after obtaining more cost-effective solutions that met or exceeded the 100 Mbps threshold, while 3 new schools entered the BAG program in FY2026 for the first time to improve their connectivity.

E-Rate Support

- Providing continuous E-Rate support for school districts and libraries in application processes, including program integrity assurance review inquiries and rate application for 30-plus small and rural libraries. Began bi-weekly Q&A sessions to guide schools and libraries through their E-Rate applications.
- Supreme Court ruled the Universal Service Fund (USF) constitutional, affirming the stability of E-Rate and related USAC programs.

School Facilities

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

The Facilities section annually reviews applications for state aid for school construction and major maintenance and produces statewide priority lists (additional details below). When funded, the section administers state-aid for school capital projects ranging in size from \$50,000 to \$100,000,000.

Project-Related Statistics for This Quarter	Debt Reimbursement	Grant
Project agreements issued	0	2
Deliverables reviewed under 4 AAC 31.030, 4 AAC 31.040, and for "pre-CIP" projects	0	1
Project agreement close outs	0	2
Total active projects	9	51
Total active project value (debt approved principal and grant state share)	\$28,038,381	\$483,260,811

- **Preventative Maintenance (PM) Program:** Site visits and assessments are underway for FY2028 CIP eligibility; two visits were conducted between June 1 and September 5, 2025. A recurring challenge is the use of varied Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS) across districts. Staff turnover often results in a loss of system knowledge. Facilities is looking at ways to assist districts with training and resources for better utilization of Computerized Maintenance Management Systems (CMMS) to enhance facility management in school districts across the state.
- **FY2026 CIP Cycle:**
 - **School Construction:** The top two projects on the list received full funding through the FY2026 REAA appropriation. The rank three project will receive a limited grant to coordinate site preparation work in conjunction with a state Dept. of Transportation project in a remote community, which will provide long-term savings to the project. Two projects are in REAA districts, and one is in a municipal district.
 - **Major Maintenance:** FY2026 budget appropriations were sufficient to fund the top three major maintenance grant fund projects. One project is in a municipal district, and two projects are in REAA districts.
- **FY2027 CIP Rating Cycle:** For the FY2027 CIP application rating cycle, 126 applications were received. Fifty-three are reuse of scores and 73 will be rated in the next six weeks. The initial lists for School Construction and Major Maintenance will be published by November 5, 2025.
- **Bond Reimbursement & Grant Review (BRGR) Committee:** Three subcommittees are underway including: (1) CIP Application and Process, (2) Preventative Maintenance Administration, and (3) Space

Utilization. Reports of initial findings will be presented to the full BRGR Committee at the December 2025 BRGR Committee Meeting.

Land

The Facilities section manages state-owned land in support of school facilities for Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) districts, and Mount Edgecumbe High School (MEHS).

- **MEHS**

- A land covenant with DEC promising for Lot 15D to not disturb contaminated below surface soil without first contacting DEC is in final draft and out for signature.
- A temporary Cell on Wheels (COW) lease has been executed for Verizon to place COW in MEHS parking lot.
- Phase 1 of a permanent Verizon cell tower to be located on MEHS property is in the initial stages.
- A last extension for a SEARHC lease has been granted ending on June 30, 2026 for Millerville Lot 15G.
- A SEARHC land transfer determination is under review due to age of last approval (Stale and prior administration) for Millerville Lot 15G.

- **REAA**

- Alaska Gateway School District, City of Eagle, and Alaska Power & Telephone lease issues are ongoing.
- Facilities worked with the Kuspuk School District to renew a lease with DOT in Aniak on airport land.

Special Projects

The department received an FY2022 appropriation to develop a capital funding forecast database. This database will document the statewide need for K-12 construction and capital renewal each year and will identify how existing funding mechanisms could meet that need. Six capital planning dashboards have been released for use by the public and are available here:

<https://education.alaska.gov/facilities/capitalplanning>. Work continues on the capital forecasting tool with expected completion by November 1, 2025.

Child Nutrition Program Program Monitoring

DEED performed federally required on-site monitoring of six sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program. Monitoring was performed at eight feeding sites including two rural locations in Petersburg and Old Harbor. During these visits, DEED monitors the program and site for compliance in meal service operations, nutrition, financial, safety, and civil rights requirements.



Photos from Petersburg Borough School District Summer Food Service Program and school garden.

Program Training

The School Nutrition Programs team hosted virtual training for new and returning program directors and staff operating meal programs in participating schools and residential childcare institutions. Ninety-two people participated in the two-day training that included presentations from DEED and partners from the Institute of Child Nutrition, a US Department of Agriculture-funded cooperative at Ole Miss. The team added a new and aspiring program directors' training that attracted 26 participants.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program team hosted virtual training for new and existing program directors and staff operating in childcare centers, day care homes, and after school and outside school hours care centers. One hundred and four people participated in a variety of training modules that were hosted over the course of a week that included new modules presented by our partners at the Institute of Child Nutrition.

Grant Funding for School Nutrition Programs

- **State Administrative Expense Reallocation:** DEED received \$373,692 in State Administrative Expense (SAE) Reallocation funds. SAE Reallocation is a redistribution of prior year unused funding from state child nutrition agencies. This funding will allow DEED to:
 - Reimburse program sponsors approximately \$309,000 administrative costs incurred from the Food Distribution Program.
 - Develop new Request for Proposal (RFP) templates for program sponsors that wish to solicit the services of a Food Service Management Company (FSMC). These templates replace an outdated template and provide for a wider range of options for program sponsors including contracting all services to a more limited scope of services.
 - Develop a new Food Safety and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan template based upon training already available from the Institute of Child Nutrition. This template will ensure program sponsors can implement a comprehensive food safety plan without draining excessive administrative resources.

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MEMORANDUM

To:	State Board of Education & Early Development	Date:	October 9, 2025
Thru:	Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D. Commissioner	Telephone:	(907) 465-2802
From:	David P. Langford, Superintendent/Director Mt. Edgecumbe High School	Subject:	Agenda 8.D Mt. Edgecumbe High School Standing Report

Current Enrollment

- **Applications**
 - 212 fully completed application portfolios
 - 84 incomplete portfolios (parent/student minimum questions submitted)
 - 222 application starts not completed
- **New Students**
 - 173 new students accepted
 - 6 accepted students declined after beginning enrollment (their spots were immediately offered to other applicants)
- **Returning Students**
 - 275 re-enrollment packets issued
 - 235 completed and returned
- **Total Enrollment**
 - 402 fully enrolled dorm students (403 available beds)
 - 13 Sitka non-dorm students (10 returners, 3 new)
 - **415 total students currently enrolled**

Travel

- MEHS provided transportation for 387 students.
- Over 80 students required rebooking due to weather disruptions.

Senior Class Hike – August 31, 2022 Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka, Alaska

Tradition Continued

The Senior Class Hike is one of Mt. Edgecumbe High School's most cherished traditions. Each year, seniors look forward to hiking their volcano namesake, Mt. Edgecumbe, a 14-mile round-trip journey that challenges students while fostering camaraderie.

From the moment they arrive as freshmen, students anticipate this event. For many, it represents the culmination of their high school journey, a symbolic climb marking resilience, teamwork, and pride in their MEHS community.

Community Concerns and Commitment

With changes in staffing, budgets, and programs this year, there was initial concern among students, families, and alumni about whether the hike would continue. Seniors immediately began asking: *"Will we have the senior hike?"*

Thanks to the determination of faculty, staff, and community partners, the answer was a resounding *yes*. Veteran teacher Matt Hunter, alongside fellow senior class advisors, organized the effort. Superintendent David Langford, administrators, staff, and Sitka community members joined together to make the tradition possible.

Support and Partnerships

The success of the hike was only possible through generous support:

- Allen Marine: Provided two round-trip cruises to Fred's Creek at a 50% discount (\$2,250 vs. \$4,500).
- Alaska Coach Tours: Donated transportation to and from the harbor at 6:00 AM and 6:30 PM, saving hundreds of dollars.
- NANA Food Services: Supplied sack lunches at no cost, purchased additional supplies, and kept the cafeteria open late to provide a warm dinner when students returned. This saved the school at least \$1,000 compared to prior years' food costs.
- MEHS Staff & Advisors: Purchased and assembled breakfasts and snacks using student activity funds.
- Community Members: Residential staff, academic staff, Principal Miranda Bacha, and local volunteers, including Colton Holmes and Paul Fitzgibbon, who provided their own boats for safety backup, as chaperones.

The Hike Experience

On Sunday, August 31, eighty seniors and chaperones embarked on the hike. Some reached the summit, others turned back partway, but the spirit of the event was collective: they did it together, as a class.

Despite sustained 60–70 knot winds at the top—common at the summit—most students successfully reached the peak. A smaller group explored the crater and rim. All returned tired but filled with pride, laughter, and lasting memories.

Summary

The 2025 Senior Class Hike was not just an adventure but a reaffirmation of MEHS's commitment to tradition, community, and student experience. It exemplified how the Sitka community, school staff, and students work together to uphold what makes Mt. Edgecumbe High School unique.

Route: Fred's Creek to Mt. Edgecumbe summit via Mt. Edgecumbe Trail (14 miles, 3,200 ft elevation gain, round-trip).

Staffing Updates

New Hires

- *Dormitory Principal:* Nicole Ritzinger, with a STEM background from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Plans are underway to expand STEM and robotics at MEHS.
- *Activities Director:* Ryan Gluth, long-time MEHS coach, seamlessly transitioned into AD duties.
- *Reading Teacher:* Sara Lorenz, who will attend the Anchorage Reading Conference with Dr. Miranda Bacha.

Open Positions

- Dormitory Dean
- Special Education Teacher

Professional Development

- Dormitory Principal Nicole Ritzinger will attend the State Health & Wellness Conference in Anchorage.

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

TO:	Members, State Board of Education and Early Development	DATE:	October 9, 2025
THRU:	Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner Department of Education and Early Development	FILE NO.:	JU2015200003
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This memorandum describes the status of current litigation involving the Department of Education and Early Development.

1. *DEC Enforcement Matter related to Contamination at Joe Parent Vocational Education Center in Aniak.* The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified DEED, DOT&PF, and the Kuspuk School District, as well as the federal government, AT&T Alascom, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Exelis-Arctic Services, Inc., as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination at the site of the Aniak Middle School. The contamination dates back to the use of the site by the U.S. Air Force as a White Alice Communications System site from 1958 to 1979.

At a mediation in 2013, the PRPs agreed to the allocations (percentages of responsibility) that each party would bear in an agreement to share past and future clean-up costs for PCB and TCE contamination, although not all issues relating to TCE contamination could be resolved. In 2015, the PRPs executed an agreement (which remains in effect) to maintain the sub-slab-depressurization system and the TCE monitoring program at the site.

In 2016, Consent Decree (a settlement agreement in the form of a court order) was fully executed. In 2017, DOT&PF retained contractors who conducted PCB clean-up work. The TCE remedial investigation report was issued in 2018, and the TCE feasibility study was approved by DEC in 2019. The feasibility study includes a recommended alternative for addressing TCE at the site. DEC also requested the drilling of another monitoring well to assess the underground movement of TCE.

Kuspuk School District has discontinued its use of the building as of January 31, 2022. Due to DOT&PF funding and allocation decisions, the demolition of the building was completed in the fall of 2023. The parties must still resolve the allocation of responsibility for cleanup costs for PCBs that may exist in the slab and under the building, cleanup costs for TCE, a newly discovered spill from an underground gas storage tank and the administrative costs of DEC. The parties have resolved the TCE liability apportionment with the state paying 15% of the TCE cleanup costs (i.e., DEED and DOT equally paying 7.5%). The parties need to finalize language for the Consent Decree and institutional controls and that is what counsel is working on now. Jennifer Currie, Chief AAG for the Environmental Section, has been conducting monthly teleconference calls with counsel for all parties to try to get them to agree on language but DOT is still reviewing due to concerns about TCE. If agreement is not reached soon, she will mandate mediation. There was an attempt to try to wrap the issues surrounding the underground storage tank spill into this settlement but given its early stage of development, that does not appear likely. AAG Gene Hickey in the Public Corporations & Governmental Services Section is handling this matter.

2. *Alexander et al. v. Acting Commissioner Heidi Teshner, State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development*. On January 24, 2023, individual teachers and parents of students enrolled in Alaska school districts filed suit in superior court against the state alleging that the statutes implementing the correspondence study program are unconstitutional on their face and as applied.

On January 26, 2023 parents of students enrolled in correspondence study programs who have used program allotments to fund private school tuition (the intervenors) filed a motion to intervene in the case as defendants, which the court granted. On April 12, 2024 the court issued a decision denying the state's motion to dismiss and granting plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment. In its order the court determined that AS 14.03.300-.310 must be struck down as unconstitutional in their entirety.

On May 3, 2024 the state filed a notice of appeal of the final judgment to the Alaska Supreme Court. After hearing oral argument, on June 28, 2024, the court issued a summary order reversing the superior court ruling that struck down Alaska's correspondence school statutes as unconstitutional. The court held that the statutes have a "plainly legitimate sweep" because there are "many constitutionally permissible uses of allotment funds." The court also ruled that any future lawsuit brought by plaintiffs claiming a specific use of the allotments is unconstitutional must be brought against the school district that approved the specific allotment spending. The Alaska Supreme Court remanded the matter back to the superior court for further proceedings.

On February 6, 2025 the plaintiffs filed with the superior court a Motion to Amend

Complaint and Join Parties, seeking to add as defendants the Anchorage School District, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, Denali Borough School District and Galena City School District. On February 18, 2025 the state filed a partial opposition to this motion because the supreme court had not yet issued a formal opinion, making the superior court's jurisdiction unclear. On March 3, 2025 the superior court granted plaintiffs' motion to amend the complaint and on March 28, 2025 the supreme court issued its formal opinion, reversing the judgment of the superior court and remanding for further proceedings. On April 14, 2025 the intervenors filed a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint and the remaining parties filed an Answer to the Amended Complaint. Three of the school districts filed a limited opposition to the intervenor's motion on May 12, 2025. The state filed a response to intervenors' motion and plaintiffs' filed an opposition to the motion on May 20, 2025. As of June 13, 2025 Intervenor's motion has been fully briefed and the state is awaiting a decision. The Attorney General has retained outside counsel to represent the state in the litigation.

3. *Yukon-Koyukuk School District (YKSD) Administrative Appeal of Average Daily Membership (ADM). Appeal within Department.* On January 31, 2025 YKSD submitted a notice of appeal with the Department, contesting the Department's ADM calculation. The Department appointed an internal reviewer who issued a decision on March 7, 2025, affirming the initial decision. On March 21, 2025 YKSD submitted a request for a formal hearing on the affirmed decision and DEED appointed a hearing officer. After exchanging document requests, the parties executed a settlement agreement fully resolving the matter, which was approved by the Commissioner on May 20, 2025. On June 16, 2025 the assigned hearing officer issued an order dismissing with prejudice the district's formal appeal.

4. *In the matter of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, OHA Docket No. 25-36-I, Federal Impact Aid Proceeding.* On May 16, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) notified the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) that Alaska is not eligible to take into consideration federal impact aid payments when calculating state aid to school districts for FY2026 because the state's revenue disparity percentage is not within the 25% disparity allowed under the impact aid federal requirements.

The Department has retained outside counsel, with experience successfully challenging impact aid determinations, to represent the state in this matter. The Department, through counsel, filed a request for hearing, appealing USDOE's Impact Aid determination, on July 14, 2025. On July 29, 2025, USDOE referred the matter to ALJ Elizabeth Figueroa, who subsequently assigned opposing counsel and scheduled an initial status conference for September 11, 2025. The Department is working with legal counsel to consider arguments on appeal, review the data submitted to the Impact Aid Program and consider alternative data submissions and possibly alternative methodologies that may satisfy federal requirements.



MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education & Early Development
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Thru: Dr. Deena Bishop
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From: Paul Reid, Project Coordinator
Office of Education Advocacy
Subject: Agenda 8F Division
Standing Report

Office of Education Advocacy

Introduction of Candidate

The Department of Education and Early Development is forwarding Paul Reid as the selected candidate for Project Coordinator of the Office of Education Advocacy (OEA) to the State Board of Education & Early Development for approval.

Mr. Reid brings twenty-seven years of experience as an educator in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District. He served twenty years as a classroom teacher before transitioning into administration, where he spent seven years as an assistant principal and principal at Palmer High School. His extensive background in both teaching and school leadership positions him well to support the mission of the OEA and serve as a trusted resource for Alaska's families, students, educators, and community members.

Mission of the Office of Education Advocacy

The Office of Education Advocacy exists to empower Alaska's educational stakeholders through a centralized hub of resources and support. Its mission is to provide clear, accessible information, assist in navigating the education system, and act as a resource for parents, students, educators, community members, and elected officials. By serving as both an advocate and a connector, the OEA helps ensure that families, educators, and other stakeholders have the tools they need to address concerns, make informed decisions, and uphold the educational rights of students across the state.

Progress Update

While pending approval by the State Board of Education, the Office of Education Advocacy has continued its initial work under the leadership of the recommended candidate, Paul Reid.

- **Resource Development:** Initial progress has centered on establishing resources for stakeholders, most notably the development of the Office of Education Advocacy website, which now serves as a central hub for information, guidance, and support.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** On August 1, 2025, he attended the Superintendents Legislative Fly-In to introduce himself to superintendents statewide as a liaison and resource. Since then, he has maintained ongoing contact with district leaders to support them in addressing questions and accessing departmental resources. He has been working with families and schools to problem solve as concerns arose during the start of the new school year this fall.
- **Direct Support and Consultation:** Mr. Reid has provided assistance to superintendents on data requests and helped address concerns referred by the Department of Education and Early Development. He has served as a point of contact for educators, offering resource sharing and consultations, particularly in the areas of charter school applications and correspondence school resources.
- **Network Building:** Efforts have been directed toward strengthening relationships across the education community to ensure families, educators, and districts are aware of OEA services. This includes positioning the office as a neutral and reliable source of information and guidance.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 9

◆ ISSUE

In October 2024, the State Board of Education passed a resolution directing the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to develop model district guidance and policy to support implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) practices in schools. As AI is a fast developing field with wide ranging implications for education, districts require support in best practice as well as tools and resources to guide district usage.

◆ BACKGROUND

- In October 2024 the SBOE passed a resolution directing DEED to develop resources and tools to support districts with AI policy and implementation guidelines.
- In May 2025 Anthony White was hired to serve as the DEED Computer Science Content Specialist.
- In June 2025 Anthony convened a workgroup to support DEED in developing an AI Framework.
- In August 2025 the workgroup presented a draft AI Framework for review and preparation for presentation to the SBOE.
- Kelly Manning, Deputy Director of IEE, and Anthony White, DEED Computer Science Content Specialist, will provide a presentation on the AI Framework and policy guidance.

Alaska's Strategic Framework Artificial Intelligence for K-12

Recommendations and Considerations for Districts



Vision Statement

To empower every Alaskan student and educator to ethically and effectively engage with Artificial Intelligence, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and responsible digital citizenship, thereby providing all learners with the opportunity and comprehensive support to thrive in an evolving, AI-driven world.

Alaska AI K12 Advisory Group

The purpose of this advisory group is to provide advice and support to the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence as they develop the AK Strategic Framework for Artificial Intelligence in K-12. Direction and resources are the outcomes from this workgroup. Your time and service are deeply appreciated.

Name	Position	Organization
Anthony White	CS Content Specialist	AKDEED
Bill Burr	Director of Technology	AGSD
Katie Oliver	Associate Executive Director	AASB
Masoumeh Heidari Kapourchali, Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	UAA College of Engineering
Matthew Calhoun, Ph.D.	Executive Director	ANSEP
Nicole Fuerst	KDLP Coordinator	KIBSD
Walter Barnes	Technology Supervisor	KIBSD

Artificial Intelligence + Education

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to machine-based systems capable of making predictions, recommendations, or decisions that influence real or virtual environments for a given set of human-defined objectives. These systems can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as learning, problem-solving, decision making, and receptive and expressive language.

Within the realm of AI, Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) has rapidly emerged as a transformative technology. GenAI is a broad category of AI models that can generate novel content, including text, images, audio, video, and code, in response to user prompts.

Large Language Models (LLMs) are a powerful type of GenAI, and many of the most accessible and widely used applications, such as chatbots like ChatGPT, Microsoft CoPilot, and Google Gemini, are powered by them. These tools are increasingly integrated into various aspects of daily life, including education.

Popular AI Chatbots



ChatGPT



Microsoft CoPilot



Google Gemini



Claude by Anthropic



Perplexity AI

The Cognitive Industrial Revolution

"AI [is] affecting everything we do that uses language - be it communication, reasoning, analysis, selling, marketing, support, and services. And what makes it even bolder than the Industrial Revolution or the printing press is obviously the speed at which it will be moving..."

-Reid Hoffman, LinkedIn co-founder

AI tools are rapidly transforming various sectors, and education is no exception. From streamlining administrative tasks to offering personalized learning experiences and reimagining instructional methods, AI presents a spectrum of possibilities. This framework acknowledges the profound impact of AI on the modern workforce, where proficiency in ethical and effective AI engagement is becoming a fundamental skill. By fostering critical thinking, creativity, and responsible digital citizenship through AI education, Alaska aims to prepare its students to thrive in an evolving AI-driven world.

Purpose and Scope

This framework provides comprehensive guidance on the appropriate and responsible integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, particularly Generative Artificial Intelligence, within Alaska's K-12 education system. It is designed to serve as a flexible resource for school boards, administrators, educators, and students, offering recommendations and considerations rather than strict mandates.

The overarching principle is that AI should serve to **augment human capabilities, critical thinking, and creativity**, never replacing essential human interaction, judgment or decision making in educational contexts. A balanced and informed approach to advancement of AI is preferred, as an outright ban impedes skill and career development, while unrestricted access falls short of needed protections.

This framework aims to foster innovation, enhance learning outcomes, and safeguard student well-being and data privacy, ultimately contributing to the state's overarching goal of providing ***an excellent education for every student every day***.

This guidance applies to all students, teachers, staff, administrators, and third parties who develop, implement, or interact with AI technologies used in Alaska's education system, where permitted by local and state policy. It covers all current AI systems used for education and administration, including, but not limited to, generative AI models, intelligent tutoring systems, conversational agents, automation software, and analytics tools.

This framework complements existing local policies on technology use, data protection, academic integrity, and student support.

How to Use this Framework

This framework is designed as a strategic and ever-evolving guide for Alaska's educational partners.

- School Boards can use the Guiding Principles to inform policy development.
- District Administrators can use the key areas of focus to direct implementation and professional development.
- Educators can use this document to inform their classroom practices and pedagogical approach to AI.

Guiding Principles for AI Integration



Human-Centered

AI must augment human capabilities, critical thinking, and creativity, never replacing human judgment or decision-making in educational contexts. All AI use should begin with human inquiry and culminate in human reflection and insight.



Fair Access

AI tools and education should be accessible to all students, actively mitigating broadband disparities and device availability challenges across Alaska's diverse regions.



Transparency

The functionalities, limitations, and potential biases of AI tools must be clearly communicated to all stakeholders. Explicit disclosure is suggested when AI is used in educational materials or assessments.



Oversight

Clear lines of responsibility for AI tool selection and outcomes are vital. Robust human oversight is mandatory for any decisions that directly impact students, such as grading or disciplinary actions.



Security

Rigorous protection of student data and digital well-being is non-negotiable. This includes protocols against unauthorized sharing of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and compliance with local, state, and federal laws.



Ethical Use

Promote responsible and ethical engagement with AI, fostering an understanding of intellectual property rights, preventing misuse, and building critical evaluation skills for all AI-generated content.



Cultural Responsiveness

AI tools should be critically evaluated and used to affirm, rather than diminish, the diverse cultures of Alaska. Proactive measures must be taken to mitigate algorithmic biases and prevent misinterpretation, misappropriation, or the exclusion of crucial local context.

Human-Centered

AI must augment human capabilities, critical thinking, and creativity, never replacing human judgment or decision-making in educational contexts. All AI use should begin with human inquiry and culminate in human reflection and insight. A human-centered approach ensures that technology serves educational goals, empowering individuals rather than overpowering them.

Approach to Generative AI

Districts should move beyond outright bans and instead develop a balanced approach that allows for responsible implementation of generative AI tools.

Empowering Educators

Educators must have the autonomy to make professional decisions regarding AI use in their classrooms. Districts should support educators in updating syllabi and classroom policies to include AI integrity guidelines.

Rethinking Education

AI should be leveraged to enhance problem-solving, innovative design, and creative expression, aligning with existing [Digital Literacy Standards](#).

Research and Evidence Base

Districts should engage in ongoing research and evaluation of AI initiatives. While robust, large-scale independent evidence on AI's effectiveness in education is still limited, districts should continuously evaluate the impact of AI tools and methodologies. This includes assessing student engagement, motivation, cognition, and deep learning, as well as AI's impact on educator roles and professional development.

"The future of AI lies not in machines that think like humans but in creating systems where human and machine intelligence work together in ways that enhance our collective capacity to address the complex challenges we face as a society."

-Luis Gonzalez, [Symbiotic AI: The Future of Human-AI Collaboration](#) (2025)

Principles into Practice

To put these human-centered principles into action, our resource website provides tailored support for every role. Find policy roadmaps for leaders, classroom strategies for educators, and responsible use guides for students to help build a safe, equitable, and effective AI ecosystem.

Fair Access

AI tools and education should be accessible to all students, actively mitigating broadband disparities and device availability challenges across Alaska's diverse regions. Ensuring fair access is fundamental to preventing a new digital divide and promoting equity for all learners, regardless of their location or background.

Addressing the Digital Divide

Districts should acknowledge and actively work to mitigate the digital divide, particularly concerning equitable broadband access and device availability in Alaska's diverse and often remote regions. AI tools inherently demand substantial and reliable internet connectivity.

Student Access to Technology Data

Districts should actively seek and analyze current data regarding student access to technology and home internet connectivity to ensure AI integration strategies are evidence-based. Note a [2023 DEED survey](#) to determine student device access and internet connectivity

Procurement and Funding

Districts should strategically leverage state and federal funding opportunities that include the option to purchase digital instructional materials and provide professional development.

AI Literacy for All

It is imperative that all schools and districts develop and implement an AI Literacy program that provides all staff and students with an understanding of this powerful technology. Access to education and training is as critical as access to the tools themselves. This includes:

- An understanding of basic AI principles and applications.
- The skills to recognize when AI is employed and an awareness of its limits.
- Knowledge of ethical and responsible AI use, including topics of safety, bias, and disinformation

Resources for Educators

ISTE | AI in Education

TEACHAI | AI Literacy

Resources for Students

Common Sense Media | AI Literacy

MIT | Day of AI

Transparency

The functionalities, limitations, and potential biases of AI tools must be clearly communicated to all stakeholders. Explicit disclosure is suggested when AI is used in educational materials or assessments. Transparency builds trust and empowers users to be critical consumers of AI-generated content.

Rethinking Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Policies should clarify how to appropriately attribute AI-generated content and require students to disclose when and how AI was utilized in their work. This includes requiring students to cite AI-generated content appropriately.

Data Governance

Districts should carefully review AI vendors to ensure tools meet rigorous privacy and security standards before adoption. This includes ensuring vendors provide clear privacy and compliance documentation for review.

Addressing Bias and Misinformation

AI systems can unintentionally amplify bias or produce misleading outputs. To ensure transparency, districts must help staff and students evaluate AI critically by training them to identify bias, misinformation, and "hallucinations". [Learn more about bias and the ethics of generative artificial intelligence](#).

Communication Strategy

Districts should develop a clear communication plan for disseminating AI guidelines to all stakeholders, transparently outlining benefits, safety measures, privacy protocols, and data management procedures.

Sample District Board Policy

Provides the foundational, board-approved guidelines for AI integration, ensuring a clear and official framework for the entire district.

School Handbook Language

Offers adaptable language for school handbooks, translating district policy into clear, actionable expectations for students and families.

Academic Integrity Guidelines

A detailed guide for educators and students on how to ethically use and properly cite AI in assignments, promoting honesty and clear standards in the classroom.

Family & Community AI FAQ

A ready-to-use FAQ template that addresses common questions from parents and community members about AI in schools, helping to build trust through open communication.

Oversight

Clear lines of responsibility for AI tool selection and outcomes are vital. Robust human oversight is mandatory for any decisions that directly impact students, such as grading or disciplinary actions. While AI can offer powerful support, humans remain accountable for student learning and well-being. This principle ensures that technology is used as a tool to inform, not replace, professional judgment for impactful student matters.

Evaluating, Procuring, and Scaling AI EdTech Tools

Districts should form a dedicated team to evaluate AI tools and their effectiveness in supporting teaching and learning. A key evaluation criterion must be the level of human oversight the tool requires and allows, ensuring that educators remain in control of impactful decisions.

District-Wide Guidelines

Accountability begins with clear expectations. Districts must develop clear, district-wide guidelines detailing the acceptable and responsible use of generative AI by all stakeholders. These policies establish the standards to which everyone in the educational community is held accountable.

Vendor Accountability and Review

Accountability extends to the partners and vendors who provide AI tools. Districts should carefully review AI vendors to ensure tools meet rigorous privacy and security standards before they are adopted for classroom use.

Empowering Educators

Districts should provide teachers with the autonomy and support needed to make professional decisions about AI use in their classrooms. This autonomy is directly linked to professional accountability, trusting educators to implement AI in ways that are pedagogically sound and in the best interest of their students.

AI Policies Across Alaska

Fairbanks – [Board Policy](#) | [AI Resource Page](#)

Mat-Su – [Responsible Use Policies](#)

Wrangell – [Academic Honesty](#)

Anchorage – [Dimond HS Student Handbook](#)

Security

Rigorous protection of student data and digital well-being is non-negotiable. This includes protocols against unauthorized sharing of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and compliance with local, state, and federal laws. The integration of AI introduces new opportunities and potential vulnerabilities. A proactive and robust security posture is essential to protect student data, maintain the integrity of district systems, and build trust within the community.

Cybersecurity

Districts must prioritize cybersecurity to protect computer systems and networks from information disclosure, theft, or damage to data, and disruption of services. This demands a strategic approach to building necessary skills for IT managers and establishing security monitoring.

Protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Users must be taught the importance of protecting data privacy when using generative AI tools. Explicit prohibitions against entering sensitive student data, PII, or confidential information into publicly accessible AI tools are essential.

Compliance with Laws

Districts must ensure that any AI tools procured or used comply rigorously with federal laws such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Vendor Vetting

Districts should establish a robust vetting process for AI tools, requiring schools and districts to review terms of service, privacy policies, and compliance documentation from vendors. Proactive guidance helps ensure that recommended tools adhere to high data privacy and security standards.

Actionable Steps for Districts

Districts should take actionable steps to create a robust security posture for generative AI.

- Review and amend existing data privacy and acceptable use policies to address the unique risks of generative AI.
- Establish simple "Do's and Don'ts" for daily AI use, such as using anonymized data in prompts and never uploading documents containing confidential school or district information.

Ethical Use

Promote responsible and ethical engagement with AI, fostering an understanding of intellectual property rights, preventing misuse, and building critical evaluation skills for all AI-generated content. Ethical use of AI goes beyond policy to instill a culture of responsibility in every user. It requires fostering an understanding of digital citizenship, preventing misuse, and empowering students and staff to critically evaluate both the AI tools and the content they produce

Rethinking Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Ethical use begins with honesty about how AI tools are used. Policies must clarify how to appropriately attribute AI-generated content and require students to disclose when and how AI was utilized in their work. Submitting AI-generated work as original without proper citation is considered plagiarism. Districts can utilize an AI Acceptable Use Scale to build clear expectations for AI use on specific assignments.

Comprehensive Training Strategy

A culture of ethical use is built through education. Districts should develop a comprehensive training strategy covering ethical and responsible AI use, including data privacy and academic integrity. Training should also include information about safety, bias, fake content, disinformation, and malicious use to equip users with the skills to navigate AI safely and ethically.

AI Limitations

Ethical use requires a critical awareness of an AI model's limitations. AI models can inherit biases from their training data, leading to inaccurate, misleading, or discriminatory outputs. Districts should empower all users to ethically engage with AI by teaching them to identify, question, and compensate for biases and misinformation in AI outputs.

Effective Prompting

Part of using AI ethically is using it responsibly. Frameworks like [EVERY](#) (Evaluated, Verify, Edit, Revise, You are responsible) or [PREP](#) (Prompt, Role, Explicit Information, Parameters) can guide responsible and effective AI use, reinforcing that the user is ultimately accountable for the final product.

Learn More

- [Ethical AI for Teaching and Learning](#) | Cornell University
- [Education and AI](#) | Center for Technology Innovation at Brookings
- [Ethics and AI](#) | Association of California School Administrators

Cultural Responsiveness

AI tools should be critically evaluated and used to affirm, rather than diminish, the diverse cultures of Alaska. Proactive measures must be taken to mitigate algorithmic biases and prevent misinterpretation, misappropriation, or the exclusion of crucial local context. Technology is not culturally neutral. To serve all of Alaska's students, AI tools must be implemented in ways that respect and reflect the rich diversity of the state's communities, languages, and histories, aligning with the [Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools](#).

Addressing Bias and Misinformation

AI models can inherit biases from their training data (racial, cultural, gender, political), leading to inaccurate, misleading, or discriminatory outputs. Districts should empower all users to identify, question, and compensate for biases and misinformation in AI outputs, while continuing to advocate for the development and adoption of more culturally responsive and equitable AI tools.

Stakeholder Engagement

To ensure AI guidelines are culturally responsive, districts should involve diverse stakeholders, including educators, students, parents/caregivers, administrators, elders, and community members in their development and ongoing review. This collaboration ensures that local knowledge and cultural values are integral to the implementation process.

Rethinking Education

AI can support a shift towards student-driven personalized learning that focuses on developing each student's learning needs rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. This provides an opportunity to create learning experiences that are more relevant and affirming by integrating students' cultural backgrounds, languages, and experiences.

District-Wide Guidelines

When developing district-wide guidelines, a key consideration must be how AI can support students with diverse learning needs. Policies should be designed to ensure that AI tools are used to create inclusive learning environments that value and accommodate every student's unique background and identity.

AI Use Disclaimer

This policy document was drafted with the assistance of artificial intelligence and generative models, including Gemini and ChatGPT, while noting that the provided sources generally refer to Large Language Models (LLMs) in the crafting of such guidance. Aligned with a foundational human-centered approach, which dictates that AI tools should augment rather than replace human capabilities, its development prioritized extensive human oversight, critical reflection, and human judgment. This approach aims to model responsible and ethical engagement with AI technologies, leveraging them as augmentation tools that preserve and enhance human insight, creativity, and decision making in education, emphasizing that human judgment remains the ultimate arbiter in student-centered matters

Definitions

Academic Integrity: The commitment to core values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility in all academic pursuits.

AI Literacy: The comprehensive knowledge and skills that enable individuals to critically understand, use, and evaluate AI systems and tools, including their capabilities, limitations, and ethical implications.

Algorithmic Bias: Systematic and repeatable errors in an AI system that create unfair or discriminatory outcomes, often stemming from biases in the data used to train the AI or the design of the algorithm itself.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Machine-based systems capable of making predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing real or digital environments.

Authorized AI Use: The use of AI tools in ways that align with district policies, classroom expectations, and applicable laws.

Chatbots: Online software applications or web interfaces that use generative artificial intelligence systems capable of maintaining conversations with a user in natural language by simulating the way a human would behave as a conversational partner.

Conversational Agents: Conversational agents leverage Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to interact with users through text or voice.

Culturally Responsive: Educational practices or tools that recognize, value, and integrate students' cultural backgrounds, languages, and experiences into the learning process to make education more relevant and effective for diverse learners.

Deepfake Technology: Digital alteration or fabrication of images, videos, or audio to misrepresent reality.

Digital Citizenship: The understanding of appropriate, responsible, and ethical behavior when using technology and engaging in online environments, encompassing digital literacy, safety, and etiquette.

Digital Divide: The gap in access to and proficiency with information and communication technologies, particularly concerning internet connectivity and device availability, often correlated with socioeconomic status, geographic location, or other demographic factors.

Generative AI (GenAI): The class of AI models, often known as chatbots, that emulate the structure and characteristics of input data to generate derived novel content, including text, images, audio, video, and code.

Hallucinations: A phenomenon where an AI model, particularly large language models (LLMs) or generative AI tools, produces outputs that are nonsensical, inaccurate, or not based on the training data. This can occur in various AI applications, including chatbots, computer vision tools, and natural language processing systems.

Intelligent Tutoring Systems: Computer-based educational tools that leverage artificial intelligence to provide personalized instruction and support tailored to individual learners' needs.

Large Language Models (LLM): Neural networks trained on large datasets to understand and produce human language, leveraging advanced architectures, such as Transformers, to process and generate text, capturing intricate patterns and nuances in languages.

Misinformation: False or inaccurate information that is spread, regardless of intent. (Often contrasted with "disinformation" which implies intent to deceive.)

Personally Identifiable Information (PII): Information that directly or indirectly identifies an individual (e.g., name, student ID, address).

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Alaska's Strategic Framework Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Education

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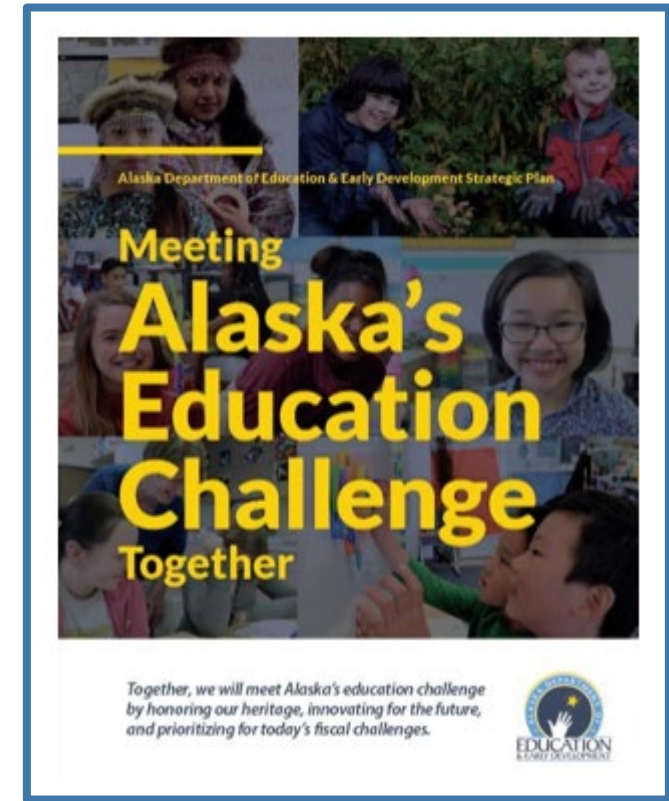
Mission, Vision, and Purpose

Mission	Vision	Purpose
An excellent education for every student every day.	All students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. - Alaska Statute 14.03.015	DEED exists to provide information, resources, and leadership to support an excellent education for every student every day.

Strategic Priorities: Alaska's Education Challenge

Five Shared Priorities:

1. Support all students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
2. Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.
3. Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.
4. Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.
5. Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.



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The Cognitive Revolution

AI [is] affecting everything we do that uses language... what makes it even bolder than the Industrial Revolution or the printing press is obviously the speed at which it will be moving..."

-Reid Hoffman, LinkedIn Co-Founder

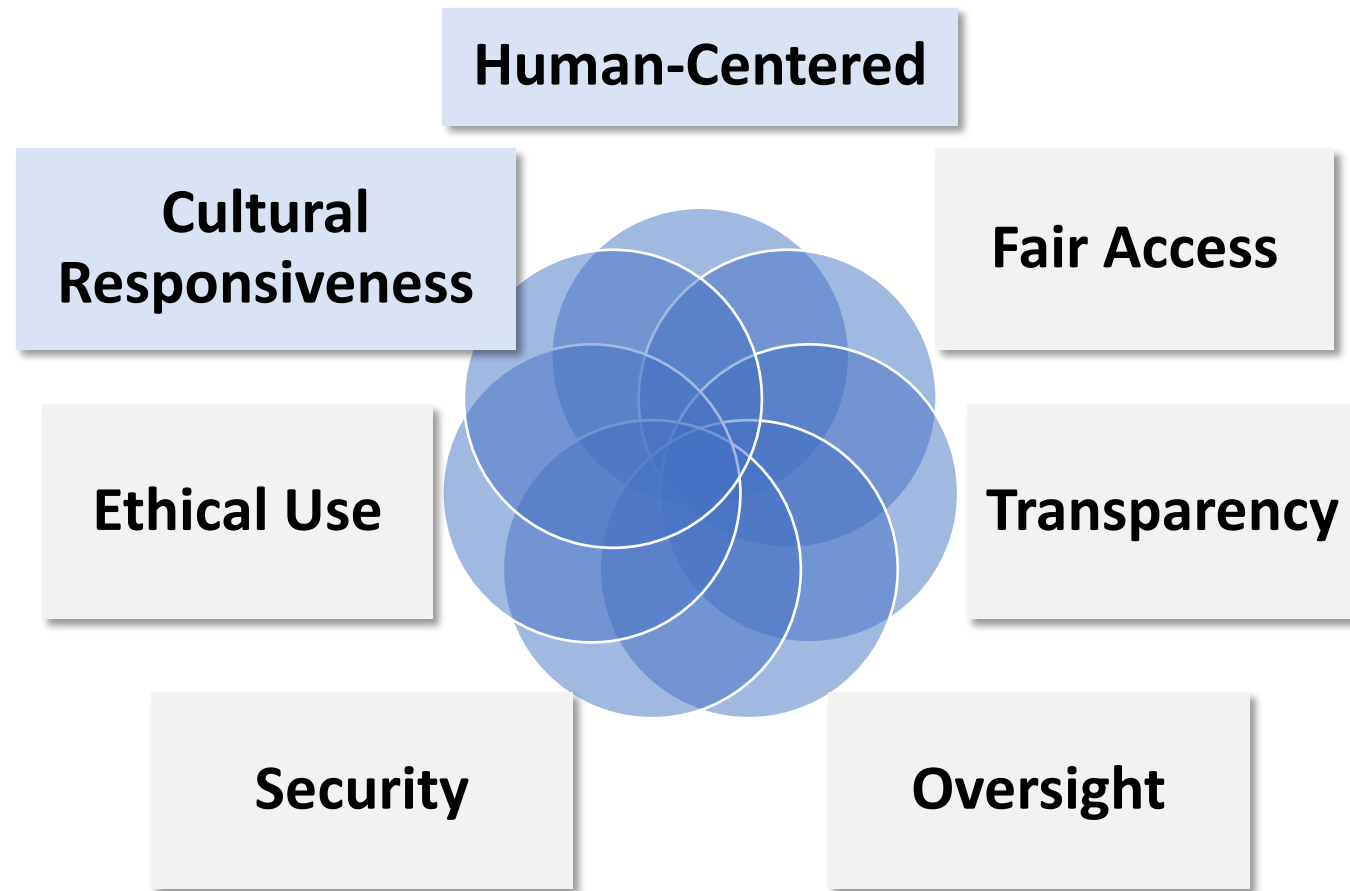
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Walter Barnes	Technology Supervisor	Kodiak Island Borough School District

Our Vision for AI in Education

“To empower every Alaskan student and educator to ethically and effectively engage with Artificial Intelligence, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and responsible digital citizenship, thereby providing all learners with the opportunity and comprehensive support to thrive in an evolving, AI-driven world.”

Our Guiding Principles



A Framework for All Stakeholders

Alaska's Strategic Framework Artificial Intelligence for K-12

Recommendations and Considerations for Districts



Vision Statement

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Alaska AI K12 Advisory Group

The purpose of this advisory group is to provide advice and support to the Division of Innovation and Education Excellence as they develop the AK Strategic Framework for Artificial Intelligence in K-12. Direction and resources are the outcomes from this workgroup. Your time and service are deeply appreciated.

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Guiding Principles for AI Integration



Human-Centered

AI must augment human capabilities, critical thinking, and creativity, never replacing human judgment or decision-making in educational contexts. All AI use should begin with human inquiry and culminate in human reflection and insight.



Fair Access

AI tools and education should be accessible to all students, actively mitigating broadband disparities and device availability challenges across Alaska's diverse regions.



Transparency

The functionalities, limitations, and potential biases of AI tools must be clearly communicated to all stakeholders. Explicit disclosure is suggested when AI is used in educational materials or assessments.



Oversight

Clear lines of responsibility for AI tool selection and outcomes are vital. Robust human oversight is mandatory for any decisions that directly impact students, such as grading or disciplinary actions.



Security

Rigorous protection of student data and digital well-being is non-negotiable. This includes protocols against unauthorized sharing of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and compliance with local, state, and federal laws.



Ethical Use

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Rethinking Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Policies should clarify how to appropriately attribute AI-generated content and require students to disclose when and how AI was utilized in their work. This includes requiring students to cite AI-generated content appropriately.

Data Governance

Districts should carefully review AI vendors to ensure tools meet rigorous privacy and security standards before adoption. This includes ensuring vendors provide clear privacy and compliance documentation for review.

Addressing Bias and Misinformation

AI systems can unintentionally amplify bias or produce misleading outputs. To ensure transparency, districts must help staff and students evaluate AI critically by training them to identify bias, misinformation, and "hallucinations". [Learn more about bias and the ethics of generative artificial intelligence.](#)

Communication Strategy

Districts should develop a clear communication plan for disseminating AI guidelines to all stakeholders, transparently outlining benefits, safety measures, privacy protocols, and data management procedures.

Sample District Board Policy

Provides the foundational, board-approved guidelines for AI integration, ensuring a clear and official framework for the entire district.

Academic Integrity Guidelines

A detailed guide for educators and students on how to ethically use and properly cite AI in assignments, promoting honesty and clear standards in the classroom.

School Handbook Language

Offers adaptable language for school handbooks, translating district policy into clear, actionable expectations for students and families.

Family & Community AI FAQ

A ready-to-use FAQ template that addresses common questions from parents and community members about AI in schools, helping to build trust through open communication.

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Fair Access

AI tools and education should be accessible to all students, actively mitigating broadband disparities and device availability challenges across Alaska's diverse regions. Ensuring fair access is fundamental to preventing a new digital divide and promoting equity for all learners, regardless of their location or background.

Addressing the Digital Divide

Districts should acknowledge and actively work to mitigate the digital divide, particularly concerning equitable broadband access and device availability in Alaska's diverse and often remote regions. AI tools inherently demand substantial and reliable internet connectivity.

Student Access to Technology Data

Districts should actively seek and analyze current data regarding student access to technology and home internet connectivity to ensure AI integration strategies are evidence-based. Note a [2023 DEED survey](#) to determine student device access and internet connectivity.

Procurement and Funding

Districts should strategically leverage state and federal funding opportunities that include the option to purchase digital instructional materials and provide professional development.

AI Literacy for All

It is imperative that all schools and districts develop and implement an AI Literacy program that provides all staff and students with an understanding of this powerful technology. Access to education and training is as critical as access to the tools themselves. This includes:

- An understanding of basic AI principles and applications.
- The skills to recognize when AI is employed and an awareness of its limits.
- Knowledge of ethical and responsible AI use, including topics of safety, bias, and disinformation

Resources for Educators

ISTE | AI in Education

Resources for Students

Common Sense Media | AI Literacy

TEACHAI | AI Literacy

MIT | Day of AI

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Comprehensive Support for Districts

- Sample Board Policies
- School Handbook Language
- Academic Integrity Guidelines
- Professional Development
- Curriculum
- Student Support

Constantly updated with the most recent resources.

Strategic Alignment & Funding

Provides statewide cohesion, supporting early adopters like the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Positions Alaska for AI Education Grants and funding opportunities

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**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 20205

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 10

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve a 30-day period of public comment on revisions to 4 AAC 52.250. Special Education Aides, 4 AAC 52.252. Program Supervision, and 4AAC 52.130. Criteria for Eligibility (Visual Impairment).

◆ BACKGROUND

- Special Education Aides (4 AAC 52.250) –
The recommended update for this regulation updates language on supervision by removing rigid “on-site” requirements and instead allows the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team at a school to determine individualized supervision frequency, with at least monthly oversight and removes the option for less frequent (quarterly) on-site reviews.
- Program Supervision (4 AAC 52.252) –
The change to Supervision Method/Frequency aligns supervision requirements and frequency for programs with the provisions listed from 4 AAC 52.250.
- Eligibility for Visual Impairment (4 AAC 52.130) –
This change clarifies an eligibility element removing the word “physical” from the criteria of “a physical eye condition.”. This change was requested by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

◆ OPTIONS

Seek more information.

Put the regulations out for a 30-day period of public comment in Work Session Item 5

◆ MOTION

I move to approve a 30-day period of public comment on revisions to 4 AAC 52.250. Special Education Aides, 4 AAC 52.252. Program Supervision, and 4AAC 52.130. Criteria for Eligibility (Visual Impairment).

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 11A

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to return the proposed regulation amendments to 4 AAC 09, related to the financing of public schools and the required local contribution, to the Department. This will allow the Department to collaborate further with stakeholders and develop a solution that both meets the needs of school districts and aligns with federal regulations and state statute.

◆ BACKGROUND

- At the June 2025 State Board of Education meeting, the board approved a motion directing the Department of Education and Early Development to release the proposed regulation change for public comment.
- The Department posted the proposed regulation change for public comment on June 20, 2025, with the comment period closing on July 25, 2025.
- More than 600 responses were received from stakeholders during the public comment period.
- The definition for “local contribution” for the purposes of the public education funding formula in AS 14.17 is proposed to be amended to align with the federal definition of “current expenditures” used by the impact aid program disparity test.
- Written public comments received can be found behind this cover memo.
- If the Board chooses to return the regulation project to the Department, that would end this regulation project, but would allow the Department to seek additional input on this issue and the Department could propose a new regulation amendment in the future.
- Heather Heineken, Director of Finance & Support Services, and Lori Weed, School Finance Manager, will be available to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

Take no action on this regulation project and direct the Department to seek additional input on this issue.

Seek more information.

Extend the period of public comment.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the State Board of Education & Early Development take no action on the proposed regulation amendments to 4 AAC 09, regarding the financing of public schools and the required local contribution, and direct the Department to seek further input and collaboration with stakeholders.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 20205

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item:11B

◆ ISSUE

The board will be asked to approve the revised Early Education Program Standards (AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A)) and associated regulations.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The Alaska Reads Act was adopted in 2022, which included the Early Education Program Standards AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A) and took effect July 1, 2023.
- In June 2024, HB148 passed. HB148 removes a phrase from AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(A). The language “meet Head Start Program Performance Standards” was removed.
- In fall of 2024, the Early Learning team created a crosswalk to reflect alignment with either Title 1 and/or NAEYC (federal standards).
- The draft proposed changes include the crosswalk, Alaska Statutory requirements, and requirements unique to Alaska’s needs.
- On Tuesday, December 10, 2024, the Early Learning Team hosted a Zoom informational webinar with stakeholders outlining the proposed changes. Stakeholders gave feedback through a survey that opened on December 10, 2024 and closed on December 20, 2024.
- Based on the feedback received, the proposed changes move current Standard II, Social and Emotional Support, and current Standard VIII, Coaching, to a new supplemental section of the Early Education Program Standards that are not required for formula funding EEP-.5 ADM application.
- There was no public comment on the updated standards and associated regulations.

◆ OPTIONS

Seek more information.

Adopt the proposed regulations in Work Session Item 6B.

◆ MOTION

I move to approve the updated Early Education Program Standards as adopted by reference in 4 AAC 60.190(b).

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 8, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 12

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to provide provisional state approval of the Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) through June 30, 2029.

This document is an updated version of the original briefing provided to the board. It reflects the most current information regarding UAA's program development, accreditation timeline, and state approval request.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The University of Alaska Anchorage's Master of Science in School Psychology-Specialist program has been designed to meet workforce needs for School Psychologists in Alaska by preparing graduates to provide assessment, intervention, consultation, and mental health services in Alaska schools.
- Alaska is currently experiencing a significant workforce shortage of school psychologists. The state's current ratio is approximately 1 school psychologist per 1,660 children and youth, which is more than three times higher than the recommended ratio of 1:500 as advised by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). 9 out of 54 Alaska school districts rely on contractual workers to provide services.
- In Alaska, the certification requirements for special service providers, including school psychologists, are governed by 4 AAC 12.355 of the Alaska Administrative Code. For the "school psychology" endorsement, the applicant must be recommended for endorsement by an institution whose psychology program has been approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, the National Association of School Psychologists, or the American Psychological Association.
 - o [National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\) standards](#)
- Master of Science in School Psychology-Specialist program accreditation timeline:
 - o July 2025 - Submit for Candidacy Status
 - o September 2028 - Submit for Full Accreditation
 - o April 2029 - NASP complete site visit
 - o June 2029 - NASP informs program of decision
- The following items can be found behind Agenda item 7
 - o UAA's Request for Provisional Approval (updated)

- Jenny McNulty, PhD, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Hattie Harvey, PhD, Professor of Psychology & School Psychology Program Director will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

- Approve University of Alaska Anchorage's request for provisional state approval of its Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval.
- Approve UAA's Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval with conditions.
- Deny UAA's Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval.
- Seek more information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

- Approve UAA's Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program request for provisional state approval.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve the University of Alaska Anchorage's request for provisional state approval of its Master of Science in School Psychology – Specialist program through June 30, 2029. During provisional approval status, the University of Alaska Anchorage is required to provide annual updates on their progress toward NASP accreditation at the state board's winter regular meeting.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item: 13

◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to approve Commissioner Bishop's appointment of David Langford as Superintendent of Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- AS 14.07.145(e) allows the commissioner to employ and remove personnel in exempt and partial exempt service subject to the approval of the board.
- Behind this cover memo are: 1) a copy of AS 14.07.145, and 2) David Langford's resume.
- Commissioner Bishop will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

Approve the appointment.
Disapprove the appointment.
Seek additional information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the appointment.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve the Commissioner's appointment of David Langford as Superintendent of the Mt. Edgecumbe High School, effective immediately.

DAVID P. LANGFORD

SUPERINTENDENT

Proven Focus on Quality Learning and Management

School system executive offering strong reputation for leadership development, coaching, financial stewardship, growth, and stabilizing performance measures – heading substantial results across multiple districts. *Able to relocate.*

Student-Centric Innovation, Collaborative Change, & Improvement

School Performance & Turnarounds - Faculty & Staff Retention - Foundation Startup - Board Relations - Innovation
Community & Parent Engagement - Teacher & Administrator Development - Student Development & Motivation
Financial Management & Fundraising - Improvement Management - Leadership, Stakeholder, & Staff Relations

Examples of Executive Influence & Impact in Schools

- **Learning Systems & Models:** Raised student achievement and educator awareness with Quality Tools and processes. **Led administrator / teacher coaching** and growth model development, using Capacity Matrices leveraging self-evaluation on topics important to educators – with projected rise in student achievement and growth.
- **Lasting Focus on Continual Improvement:** **Enabled turnarounds at multiple organizations**, bringing quality management principles into districts as an educational collaborator with renowned expert Dr. Deming. Championed educational improvements with transformations into high-performance school systems for disadvantaged students.
- **New Educational Concepts:** Pioneered revolutionary Continual Improvement concept, creating flagship school Mt. Edgecumbe serving disadvantaged / minority students (now attaining high college graduation rates).

“During my tenure as superintendent at Urbandale Community School District, David trained hundreds of our staff, worked with our school board, and provided coaching for teachers and administrators. As a result, **our students performed at a 17-year high in reading and math.**” - *Assistant Professor Education, Drake University*

Leadership Career History

Ingenium Schools: **Superintendent**, 2016–2019

Oversight of 24 Direct Leadership + 214 Indirect Reports, Plus \$20M Budget

Brought in to drive substantial transformation – achieving lasting improvement in student behaviors, teacher and principal retention, and new-school growth with fresh learning and behavior approaches and stabilizing measures at schools serving high-needs population. Continually enhance revenue and profit results, attracting strong leadership and influx of new students by creating major shifts in thinking and management models centered on continual improvement. Heightened leadership performance, eliminating challenges with new learning and behavior philosophy; hired and promoted staff members, and sourced top leaders. Embedded social justice, community engagement, and leadership principles into training and curriculum.

Effective Student Achievement Models

- ▶ **New Information Management:** **Introduced online learning**, parent training and online coaching, plus created a Learning Experience Manager (LXM) instrumental in tracking student experiences and parent reporting. Incorporated continual parent-student feedback into curriculum management software for fast improvements.
 - Decreased behavior problems 87% with shifts in problem-solving, instruction models, and motivational approach.
- ▶ **Research Based:** Cultivated autonomy and motivation among students by integrating Quality Learning structure into school operations, building on neuroscience, motivation, quality management, psychology, and other research.

Ingenium Schools: Superintendent, Continued...

Staff & Administration Development

- ▶ **Leadership & Education Development:** Built Capacity Matrices enhancing educator decision-making abilities; trained all teachers, staff, and administrators in Quality Learning Tools and PDSA model built with Dr. Edwards Deming.
- ▶ **Strategic Plans & Implementation:** Championed first strategic planning process integrated with Wrike project management software; set Aims and Directions to shift management thinking for greater improvement.
- ▶ **Employee Engagement:** **Reached and maintained high 85%+ satisfaction levels**, building and leveraging Joy @ Work survey process based on intrinsic motivation concepts; designed methodology for stronger autonomy and support.

Financial Oversight & Growth

- ▶ **Cost-Saving Changes:** **Trimmed \$300k-\$400K annually** with new Financial Streaming program for tighter expense controls. Cut healthcare insurance ~\$500K yearly (with improved benefits) by putting benefits out for vendor bid.
 - Expedited procurement with first interactive Procurement System driving automated bidding, request, and approvals; ended budget obstacles including supply stockpiling, with rise in staff satisfaction from ease of use.
- ▶ **Charter School Launch & Renewals:** Created Ingenium Wings Independent Study and Clarion Charter Middle schools; managed 4-school, successful renewal process through LAUSD (a first) by educating district on school mission.
- ▶ **Revenue & Enrollment Growth:** **Brought gross revenue from \$12M to \$20M** with growth to 1,435 students (projected for ~1,600 in 2019-2020).
 - Secured \$2M in grants, collaborating with Chief Business Officer.
 - Eased enrollment challenges through dashboard tracking, daily stand-up meetings, and recruiting outreach in target areas.
- ▶ **New Foundation & Fundraising:** Spearheaded new organization poised to facilitate growth in supplemental funding.
 - Gained expertise in educational fundraising through Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Technology & Communication Improvements

- ▶ **Technology & Information Access:** Established system-wide help desk, including vision for technology use and expedited access to procurement, automated bidding, suppliers, and curriculum information.
 - Launched dashboard system crucial to tracking performance and increasing productivity with fast insight on critical initiatives, status, and data; established zero-inbox practices.
- ▶ **Community Engagement:** Increased community involvement with live-streamed Board meetings and online meeting packets, driving rise in parent attendance with better information accessibility. Established video and audio podcasts.
- ▶ **Documentation Improvements:** Built enhanced Systems Documentation on Google docs platform, enabling retention for critical information across all schools – **preventing information loss and facilitating new-hire efficiency.**

Incorporated New Methods For Across-The-Board Improvement

*Profound Learning Experiences (PLE) Stimulating Discovery; The Learning Code (TLC) Based on Neurological Research
Intrinsic Motivation (IM) Creating Motivational, Supportive, & Challenging Learning & Work Environments
Continual Improvement (CI) Facilitating Change; System of Profound Knowledge (SoPK) Based on Deming Principles*

Langford International, Inc.: President / CEO, 1992–Present

Launched and grew international consulting practice focused on continual improvement in school systems, based on success at Mr. Edgecumbe High School and encouraged by Dr. Edwards Deming; supplied Quality Learning affecting success in education, business, and other organizations. Trained and coached educators in concepts behind learning transformation; consulted with K-12 school districts, universities, businesses, and governments: U.S. Naval Academy, Defense Systems Management College, Leander ISD, and international private, public and parochial schools.

Langford International, Inc.: **President / CEO; Advisory & Speaking Engagements**, *Continued...*

Global Influence on Education & Learning Systems

- ▶ **Sustainable Improvement:** Built Quality Learning, Leadership, Student TEAM Training, and other consulting / coaching services **earning global recognition** for lasting change in school districts; set and fostered mission to improve learning systems by creating leaders motivated to effect improvement through innovation and communications.
 - Trained 50,000+ educators (US and Canada), plus 5,000+ educators in more than 1,000 schools in Australia.
- ▶ **Publications & Speaking Engagements:** Engaged as keynote speaker and consultant to major school districts on Systems Thinking, problem-solving, portfolio development, learning process documentation, and other subjects.
 - Developed publications (*Orchestrating Learning With Quality*, *Tool Time for Education*, *Tool Time for Business*, *Tool Time for Healthcare*, *Tool Time for LEAN*, and 24 Elements of the Learning Code) and tools (Consensogram, Code of Cooperation, P3T, and others).
 - **Featured in documentaries** including *Quality... Or Else* on PBS and the Deming Library.

Mt. Edgecumbe HS: **Director of Continual Improvement; Business & Technology Teacher**, 1985–1992

Created first boarding school nationwide in Sitka, Alaska as founding member, designing groundbreaking concepts around Quality Management to meet the needs of disadvantaged/native alaskan youth (including 60% social referrals from the state, and 80% with trauma and abuse backgrounds). Trained staff and students in Continual Improvement. Developed and taught 4-year business and technology curriculum. Handled fundraising, working with corporations to secure capital crucial to success. Instituted US, Japan, China and Canadian field trips.

Continual Improvement Philosophy Driving School Turnaround

- ▶ **School Growth & Reputation:** Grew school to 320 students (now 600), **positioning school as flagship operation for educational innovation in Alaska**. Worked with staff to educate students in Japanese, Chinese, and Russian to focus on Pacific Rim culture.
 - Enabled acceptance into post-secondary university or training programs for 84% of graduates.
- ▶ **Deming Partnership:** Conferred with Dr. Edwards Deming on quality and continual improvement application in schools, expanding concepts to later consulting and coaching practice.

Previous Experience:

Arizona State University: **Technology Teacher**, Departments of School Administration & Supervision / Music

Klawock Public School, Alaska: **Music Teacher, K-12**

Lake & Peninsula School Districts, Alaska: **Music Teacher, K-12**

Superior Public Schools, Montana: **Instrumental Music Teacher, 5-12**

Central Washington University; Montana State University; University of Alaska: **Adjunct Professor**

Education

B.S. in Education (K-12), Montana State University, Billings, MT

Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Affiliations & Honors

American Society for Curriculum Development (ASCD); American Society for Quality (ASQ); The Deming Institute

2017 International Deming Medal Recipient – American Society of Quality & Productivity

Honorary Advisory Board Member, Deming Institute, MSU-B College of Business

"At (our) school district, I saw firsthand the power of applying the principles David described. I saw student motivation, as well as success, soar—**both in classrooms and on state and national exams**. There have been very few experiences that have had such a long-lasting impact on my actions." - *Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services*

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(f) *[Repealed, Sec. 5 ch 14 SLA 1996]*.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D., Commissioner

Agenda Item:14

◆ **ISSUE**

The board is being asked to approve Commissioner Bishop's appointment of Paul Reid as Program Coordinator of the Office of Education Advocacy.

◆ **BACKGROUND**

- AS 14.07.145(e) allows the commissioner to employ and remove personnel in exempt and partial exempt service subject to the approval of the board.
- Behind this cover memo are: 1) a copy of AS 14.07.145, and 2) Paul Reid's resume.
- Commissioner Bishop will be present to brief the board.

◆ **OPTIONS**

Approve the appointment.
Disapprove the appointment.
Seek additional information.

◆ **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the appointment.

◆ **SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve the Commissioner's appointment of Paul Reid as Program Coordinator of the Office of Education Advocacy, effective immediately.

Paul E. Reid

Education

- Master of Education in Educational Leadership
Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas (July 2013 – February 2015)
- Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and Health K–12
Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana (January 1992 – May 1996)

Educational Leadership Experience

Secondary Principal, Palmer High School, Palmer, Alaska

2016 – 2023

- Led all aspects of school operations, including instruction, staffing, student services, and school culture for a comprehensive high school serving grades 9–12.
- Built strong relationships with staff, students, and families to foster a positive school climate.
- Oversaw schoolwide academic programming, discipline systems, and budget planning to ensure continuous improvement.
- Collaborated with other secondary principals across the Mat-Su Borough School District to support open enrollment, enabling students to access a broad range of courses, particularly in career and technical education.
- Supported district efforts to expand access to CTE pathways and coordinated shared scheduling to maximize student opportunities across schools.

Assistant Principal, Palmer High School, Palmer, Alaska

2015 – 2016

- Supported implementation of school improvement plans focused on academic recovery and grading best practices.
- Provided direct supervision for Career and Technical Education, World Language, Physical Education, and Health departments.
- Oversaw a schoolwide dropout prevention program, including progress monitoring and intervention planning.
- Facilitated meetings and communication between extracurricular coaches, students, and families.
- Supervised all school-sponsored extracurricular activities and events.
- Served on the Mat-Su Borough School District curriculum council as a secondary administrator representative.
- Partnered with the administrative team to develop cost-effective solutions in response to budget constraints.

Principal Intern, Palmer High School, Palmer, Alaska

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015

- Completed over 200 hours of on-site leadership practice under the supervision of the building principal and assistant principal.
- Managed day-to-day school operations and supported major events, including athletic contests, dances, and graduation.
- Worked alongside the activities director to coordinate regional and statewide scheduling.
- Collaborated with teaching staff to identify schoolwide improvement strategies.
- Contributed to Focused Learning Teams (FLT) to implement structural changes, including a revised bell schedule and aligned student expectations for the PHARM program (Palmer High Academic Recovery Model).

Educator Experience

High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, Palmer High School

Palmer, Alaska | 1999 – 2021

- Developed and maintained a student-centered, inclusive learning environment that promoted physical well-being and healthy lifestyle choices.
- Set and upheld high expectations for student behavior and personal responsibility.
- Delivered a health curriculum aligned with national standards and best practices, regularly updating instructional strategies and content.
- Used differentiated instruction, technology integration, and small group activities to engage diverse learners and support academic growth.

Adapted Physical Education Specialist (Itinerant), Mat-Su Borough School District

Palmer, Alaska | 1998 – 1999

- Provided adapted physical education services to students with disabilities across 12 schools in the district.
- Maintained compliance for a caseload of 56 students, including documentation, service delivery, and progress reporting.
- Gained extensive experience with referral processes and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) in coordination with Student Support Services.

Coaching Experience

Head Girls Basketball Coach, Palmer High School

Palmer, Alaska | 2004 – 2013

- Built and led a consistently competitive basketball program, achieving winning records each season after the inaugural year.
Established and managed a booster club to raise funds and support program growth.
- Launched and directed a summer girls' basketball team camp that drew participants statewide and became a key fundraising initiative.
- Led a team to the state tournament that earned the Academic Award with a tournament-high GPA of 3.5.

Board Service

Board President, Skeetawk

Hatcher Pass, Alaska | 2023 – Present

- Lead board of directors for a nonprofit alpine ski area dedicated to expanding access to year-round outdoor recreation in Hatcher Pass.
- Oversee strategic planning and funding initiatives to support the organization's long-term growth and community impact.
- Spearheading efforts to secure funding for expanded winter and summer operations, including infrastructure development.
- Guiding the planning and implementation of a \$20 million expansion project for a mid-mountain gondola to enhance both winter and summer resort access.
- Participated in the 2025 legislative fly-in to advocate for CAPIS funding for critical electrical infrastructure upgrades.

Professional Development

- Revised and updated the district's health education curriculum, including evaluation of textbooks and supplemental resources (April 2015).
- Completed Process Champions training, an advanced leadership course following.
- Capturing Kids' Hearts (November 2014).

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), Administration Division
- Member, Alaska Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (since 1997)
- Member, Alaska Basketball Coaches Association (2010 – 2013)

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**To: Members of the State Board of
Education and Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 15

◆ ISSUE

This is a standing oral report to the board by the Commissioner.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The board will hear a report on the Commissioner's activities.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information item. No action is required.

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education and Early Development**

October 9, 2025

From: Dr. Deena Bishop, Commissioner

Agenda Item: 16

◆ ISSUE

The board is being asked to approve its consent agenda.

◆ BACKGROUND

- There is one item on the consent agenda.
- Behind this cover memo is:
 - Unapproved minutes of the July 1, 2025 meeting

◆ OPTIONS

Approve the consent agenda.

Remove an item and address it.

Seek additional information.

◆ ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the consent agenda.

◆ SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2025, 2025 board meeting.

State Board of Education & Early Development
Draft Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2025
Virtual Meeting

Tuesday July 1, 2025

Chair Stockhausen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll was called, and the following members were present to provide a quorum: Member Barbara Tyndall, Member Kimberly Bergey, First Vice Chair James Fields, Member Kathryn McCollum, and Chair Sally Stockhausen.

Chair Stockhausen called a quorum. It was noted that Member Lt. Colonel James Fowley will join meeting later and Student Advisor Amber Sherman is on vacation. First Vice Chair Fields gave the invocation, and the board pledged allegiance to the flag.

Member McCollum motioned, and Member Bergey seconded the following motion: I move to approve the agenda for July 1, 2025 meeting. Without further discussion the motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Public Comment

1. Jason Weber, Superintendent, Valdez City Schools. Superintendent Jason Weber voiced strong opposition to DEED's proposed school funding regulations, urging the State Board to reject them. He argued the changes are flawed, lack transparency, and do not include a district-level cost analysis. Weber criticized DEED for failing to show how the changes would meet the federal Impact Aid disparity test, citing a lack of reliable data. He accused DEED of trying to reduce the state's financial responsibility at the expense of students. Additionally, he expressed concern over the erosion of local control, stating the regulations would centralize power and diminish school boards' ability to serve their communities. He concluded by calling the proposal unsubstantiated, unfair, and harmful to Alaska students and families.

2. Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League. Nils Andreassen thanked the Board for previously choosing not to adopt emergency regulations on a complex issue without sufficient public engagement. He emphasized the importance of ongoing dialogue about how Impact Aid and local contributions affect education in Alaska. Andreassen offered AML as a resource to support understanding of the legal, historical, and technical aspects of these issues. He encouraged the Board to engage deeply with stakeholders, listen to public input, and ensure decisions ultimately support students and communities—not penalize local governments or school districts. He concluded by expressing appreciation for the Board's commitment and thoughtful approach.

3. Frank Hauser, Superintendent, Juneau School District. Frank Hauser strongly opposed DEED's proposed regulation on local contributions, describing it as the most harmful statewide action he has seen in his nearly 30-year career in Alaska education. Speaking on behalf of the roughly 70,000 students who could be affected, he highlighted the estimated \$8 million impact to the Juneau School District alone. Hauser criticized the regulation's broad scope—potentially affecting local grants, fundraisers, and even student meals—and DEED's lack of clarity or guidance despite repeated requests.

He questioned the claim of an emergency, noting DEED hasn't even requested a hearing with the federal Impact Aid program, which also did not request any regulation change. Hauser emphasized that federal rules offer flexibility that DEED's proposal would unnecessarily restrict. He urged the Board to consider whether this regulation truly serves students' best interests and warned against adopting rules more restrictive than required by

federal law.

4. Jacque Novar, Fairbanks, AK. Jacqueline Novar expressed strong opposition to the proposed regulation change, stating it would reduce local autonomy, diminish community support for schools, and harm approximately 70,000 Alaska students. She criticized the lack of public analysis and evidence that the proposal would meet the federal disparity test or be accepted. Novar argued the regulation takes a "sink all boats" approach to equalization at a time when Alaska is already losing families. She noted Alaska is the only state still using this outdated method and urged the Board to look forward by fully funding education rather than adopting harmful, regressive policies.

5. Meghan Johnson, Early Childhood Systems Director at Thread. Megan Johnson, representing Thread—Alaska’s childcare resource and referral agency—voiced opposition to the proposed changes in Section 2 of the early education program standards. She explained that Thread, in partnership with DEED and early learning programs, provides essential coaching and training to help meet aligned program standards. Johnson emphasized that the Alaska Early Childhood Strategic Direction supports increased access to high-quality early learning through coordinated systems, data, and services—including coaching and infant/early childhood mental health consultation.

She warned that making these supports optional, rather than required, would undermine long-standing efforts to improve early education quality and access. Johnson urged DEED and the Board to maintain the current standards as required, and to invest in building statewide capacity for coaching and consultation—key supports for teachers, administrators, and families in achieving high-quality early childhood programs.

6. Carolyn Stone, a parent of two Anchorage School District students, spoke in opposition to the proposed regulation changes to 4 AAC 09 affecting public education funding. She criticized the state’s long-term flat education funding while Department of Corrections funding increases, noting the negative impact on classrooms, including teacher departures, layoffs, and program cuts.

Stone expressed concern over the rushed June 2nd proposal, which bypassed consultation with superintendents and was met with widespread public and local government opposition. She warned the regulation would force local governments to reduce school funding, with Anchorage alone potentially losing \$11 million.

She urged the Board to:

1. Reject the regulation changes and any policy limiting local investment in schools.
2. Support challenging Alaska’s failure of the federal Impact Aid disparity test within the allowed timeframe.
3. Prioritize transparency and collaboration with education stakeholders.

Stone emphasized that children are paying attention and learning from the Board’s actions.

7. Rebecca Braun, Juneau Parent. Rebecca Braun urged the Board to oppose the proposed regulation on local contribution, expressing concern that it does not serve the best interests of Alaska’s children. She acknowledged the state’s failure of the federal disparity test but called for a less harmful and more thoughtful solution. Braun criticized the regulation for lowering standards, reducing local self-determination, and increasing regulatory ambiguity and risk for districts.

She shared a personal impact: her district just announced the closure of the RALLY after-school childcare program—a service she depends on as a single working parent—due to declining state support. Braun emphasized the real-world consequences of the Board’s decisions and urged them to reject the proposal and carefully consider all alternatives that minimize harm to families and communities.

8. Kim Hanisch, Superintendent, Unalaska City School District. Kim Hanisch expressed opposition to the proposed regulation change, emphasizing that Unalaska takes pride in its strong local support—both financial and

practical—for its schools. She warned that the regulation would reduce the quality and variety of programs the district can offer. Hanisch urged the Board to vote no or, at minimum, allow more time for public comment before making a decision.

9. Nathan Duval, Valdez City Manager. Nathan Duval voiced opposition to the proposed regulation changes related to local contributions, raising several concerns on behalf of the City of Valdez. He highlighted potential negative impacts on both homeschool and in-person students, especially regarding funding for activities and after-school programs. Duval also noted a lack of clarity about how the regulation would affect city-owned school facilities, questioning the fairness of requiring tenants (school districts) to handle maintenance without ownership rights.

He emphasized the importance of preserving local control, stating that communities should retain the right to invest local tax dollars in education as they see fit. Duval urged the Board to prioritize local autonomy and provide clearer definitions within the proposed regulations.

Work Session

Agenda Item 1 – Mt. Edgecumbe High School Update

Deputy Commissioner Karen Morrison provided an update on leadership and operational transitions at Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS). Superintendent Huntington's last day was June 27, and the department is working on an alternative plan to ensure leadership is in place by the start of school, with more updates expected soon.

Currently, Administrative Services Director Dawn Hannasch and MEHS Admin Officer are on-site assisting with key transitions. This includes onboarding a new dorm and food services contractor (NANA), upgrading kitchen equipment, and transitioning staff from paper to electronic timesheets. They are also offering staff training and preparing for more sessions as the full team returns.

Facility walkthroughs, updates to dorm common areas, and engagement planning for students are underway. Additionally, the department has applied—confidently expecting approval—for a grant to expand the aquatic center and teach all students to swim. A full budget update will be shared at the October board meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Regulations for Public Comment

2A. Early Education Program Standards

Becky Moren, DEED's Early Learning Administrator, provided an overview of proposed updates to the early education program standards in alignment with DEED's mission and the Alaska Reads Act. These standards help guide districts in supporting students to read at grade level by the end of third grade and are tied to early education program grants and funding mechanisms such as the 0.5 ADM application.

Key updates stem from the passage of HB 148 in spring 2024, which removed references to Head Start performance standards from statute. In response, DEED held a stakeholder meeting and survey in December 2024–January 2025. Feedback from this engagement led to several changes, including moving coaching and infant/early childhood mental health consultation to the supplemental (non-required) section of the standards. The goal was to make the standards more understandable and achievable, while also improving clarity and organization.

Moren also shared application trends and grant cycle updates, noting increased interest from districts. Future program and funding application dates were announced for FY27 and FY26.

Commissioner Bishop emphasized that the regulation changes are intended to align with recent statutory changes and reflect input received from both the legislature and stakeholders.

Agenda Item 3 – Commissioner Update

Commissioner Bishop provided an in-depth update on Alaska’s early literacy assessment using *DIBELS 8* (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills), delivered via the *mCLASS* platform by the vendor *Amplify*. This tool is used to screen all K–3 students three times a year, monitor progress weekly, and support individualized reading plans, including dyslexia screening.

Key Points:

- **Terminology Clarification:**
 - *Amplify* = Vendor
 - *mCLASS* = Platform (Mobile Classroom)
 - *DIBELS 8* = Actual assessment tool
- **Statewide Implementation:**
 - 51 of 53 districts administered the screener (excluding Mount Edgecumbe and Mat-Su, which will join next year).
 - Participation rate is 80% statewide, 90% when excluding correspondence/homeschool.
- **Instructional Impact:**
 - Assessment provides instant teacher feedback, grouping tools, and supports instructional planning.
 - Professional development has trained over 2,400 teachers; 1,800 completed calibration courses.
 - Results guide *Individualized Reading Improvement Plans* (IRIPs), per the Reads Act.
- **Student Growth & Performance:**
 - **Growth from Beginning (BOY) to End of Year (EOY):**
 - In Fall, 40% of students were “well below benchmark” compared to 34% nationally.
 - By Spring, 60% of Alaska’s students were at or above benchmark—a historic improvement.
 - Alaska’s students outpaced national growth rates in reading proficiency.
 - Notable gains occurred in **kindergarten through 3rd grade**, with Grade 3 showing improved growth for the first time.
 - Alaska’s scores have now improved for **two consecutive years**, indicating a positive trend.
- **Data Insights:**
 - The largest growth was among students already performing **above grade level**, disproving criticisms that phonics-focused instruction “dumbs down” the curriculum.
 - Overall trend shows reduced numbers of students starting the year “well below” and increased numbers reaching proficiency.
- **Policy & Grant Impact:**
 - Strong literacy policy (Reads Act & HB 114) is credited with enabling this success.
 - 26 of 33 eligible districts received the \$9.5M federal **Comprehensive Literacy Grant** due to these strong policies.

Commissioner Bishop emphasized that these early, promising results are a testament to the quality instruction delivered by Alaska’s teachers and the effectiveness of statewide policy. More detailed data will be released after system verification. The board was the first to see this data.

Commissioner Bishop provided a proposed timeline and structure for reviewing and updating the Alaska’s Education Challenge (AEC) strategic plan. The intent is to gather board feedback and assess progress to guide future planning.

Timeline Overview:

- **July 2025:**
 - Review begins with current meeting.
 - Subcommittees will meet with DEED staff to evaluate goals and base data.
 - A standard template will be used to guide review and discussion.

- **August–September 2025:**
 - DEED will compile subcommittee input, data, and stakeholder feedback (e.g., surveys) into draft summaries.
- **October 8–9, 2025:**
 - Subcommittees will present progress updates and recommendations to the full board for discussion.
- **October–November 2025:**
 - Final reports will be refined and submitted to the board.
 - The board will evaluate what has been achieved, what remains, and potential future directions.

Purpose of the Review:

- Measure progress on AEC goals using hard data and conversations.
- Determine which goals are complete, which need adjustments, and what to prioritize next.
- Maintain ongoing board involvement and alignment with DEED.

Updated Subcommittee Structure:

To reflect board member changes, new subcommittee assignments were shared. Each will have a DEED staff lead and a board lead:

1. **Reading at Grade Level by Grade 3**
 - *DEED Lead:* Kathy Moffitt
 - *Board Lead:* Kathy McCollum
2. **Career, Technical & Culturally Relevant Education**
 - *DEED Lead:* Brad Billings
 - *Board Lead:* Lt. Col. Fowley
3. **Tribal Compacting / Closing the Achievement Gap**
 - *DEED Lead:* Deb Riddle
 - *Board Lead:* Pamela Dupras (pending reappointment)
4. **Prepare, Attract, and Retain Effective Educators**
 - *DEED Lead:* Kelly Manning
 - *Board Lead:* James Fields
5. **Safety and Well-Being**
 - *DEED Lead:* Kelly Manning
 - *Board Lead:* Barb Tyndall

Subcommittee chairs will coordinate meeting schedules, and DEED will support with data and logistics. The process is designed to keep the board engaged in strategic decision-making with a clear plan to evaluate and improve upon AEC goals.

Agenda Item 4 – FY2026 Budget Update

FY2026 Budget Summary – Department of Education & Early Development presented by: Dawn Hannasch, Administrative Services Director.

- The FY2026 budget reflects a strategic shift from temporary, one-time funding (primarily from pandemic-related federal grants) toward long-term stability and sustained support for Alaska's education system.
- Overall budget decreased by \$96.5 million (a 5.2% reduction) compared to FY2025, largely due to:
 - Expiration of COVID-era federal grants
 - Removal of a one-time state appropriation
 - A \$24.9 million reduction in Student & School Achievement
 - A \$1.5 million cut to Residential Schools (one-time FY25 funds)
 - A 10.9% decrease in Career & Technical Education funding
- Despite reductions, strategic increases were made, including:

- \$103 million increase (8.9%) to the ongoing foundation formula to stabilize K–12 funding
- \$4.5 million increase (21%) for student financial aid—Alaska Performance Scholarships and Education Grants
- Modest increases for broadband support, cultural instruction, and administrative services
- Personnel budget saw minor adjustments (2–5%) due to:
 - Merit-based salary increases per union contracts
 - Compliance with Administrative Order 358 (travel & hiring freeze)
- Overall, the FY2026 budget prioritizes:
 - Efficiency, staff retention, and service continuity
 - A strategic realignment to move away from emergency funding toward a more sustainable education funding model

Agenda Item 5 – Teacher Certification Update

Presented by Colleen Walker, Administrator of Teacher Education & Certification

Overview

The Teacher Certification Office has modernized systems and improved services through digital transformation, stronger district partnerships, and internal process improvements. These efforts support teacher recruitment, retention, and success statewide.

Historical Context

- Pre-statehood: Certification overseen by U.S. Bureau of Education with minimal requirements.
- Post-1959: Moved to Alaska Department of Education; new certificate types and regulations added over decades.
- Early 2000s: Introduction of online renewals; most applications remained paper-based.
- 2023–2024: Full modernization launched through TEACH-AK and the District Communication Hub.

Key System Modernizations

TEACH-AK (Launched late 2023)

- Streamlines certification applications and back-office review.
- Automated workflows and notifications.
- Designed to reduce barriers, especially in rural and hard-to-staff areas.
- Over 10,000 applicant accounts created.
- Processing time reduced from 16 weeks to 4 weeks.

District Communication Hub (Launched Fall 2024)

- Provides secure, real-time access to educator certification data for district HR teams.
- Enables faster issue resolution and improved support for applicants.
- Enhances collaboration between DEED and districts.

Internal Improvements

- 15+ internal systems modernized, including:
 - Digital workflows and status updates
 - Second-review process enhancements
 - Video-based customer support
- Implementation guided by SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound).

Certification Metrics (June 1, 2024 – June 1, 2025)

- Total Active Certificates: 12,421
- Teaching Positions in AK: 6,858
- Applications Processed: 5,000+
 - 2,000 certificate renewals

- 2,834 Alaska Reads Act endorsements
- Processing Time: Reduced from 16 weeks to 4 weeks

Alaska Reads Act Endorsement

- Effective July 1, 2025: Required for all K–3 classroom teachers.
- High completion rate among educators reflects strong support and system readiness.

Certification Team

- Colleen Walker – Teacher Education & Certification Administrator
- Justine Bishop – Lead Analyst, PTPC Liaison
- Joa Sangster – Certificate Renewal Lead
- Jennifer Neal – TEACH-AK Platform Lead
- Tins Kapada – Deficiency Resolution Lead
- Nicole Thompson – Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Coordinator

Future Priorities

- Continued automation to minimize manual processes
- Expand training for applicants and district HR staff
- Monitor Alaska Reads Act impact and compliance
- Offer flexible renewal credit options (e.g., micro-credentials)
- Strengthen interdepartmental collaboration with teacher prep programs and benefits division
- Use SMART goals to stay aligned with educator workforce needs

Closing Remarks

The department is proud of the measurable progress in teacher certification and grateful for statewide partnerships that contributed to this work. These system improvements position Alaska to better support educators and meet long-term certification demands.

Member McCollum expressed appreciation for the new TEACH-AK system, sharing that her own renewal experience was fast and efficient, with helpful feedback and processing completed in under four weeks.

Commissioner Bishop acknowledged that the certification process had previously received significant negative feedback but highlighted how the department successfully turned it around by ending paper-based processing and streamlining operations. She praised the certification team and district partners for their efforts and the impressive improvements now reflected in their metrics.

Chair Stockhausen also commended the team, recognizing the challenges of retraining both applicants and districts. She noted that while the State Board has worked to remove barriers to certification, this has also increased the department's workload. Despite this, the team has risen to the challenge and enabled more individuals to serve Alaska's students. She thanked them for their perseverance and dedication during a difficult transition.

Business Meeting

Agenda Item 6 – Regulations for Public Comment

6A. Early Education Program Standards

Member Fields motioned, and Member Bergey seconded the following motion: I move to approve a 30-day public comment period for the updated Early Education Program Standards as adopted by reference in 4 AAC 60.190(b). Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Agenda Item 7 – Executive Session

7A. Attorney Consultation

7B. Commissioner Evaluation

I move the State Board of Education and Early Development convene an executive session to obtain attorney consultation, and to conduct the Commissioner's evaluation. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

The board held an executive session to obtain attorney consultation, and to conduct the Commissioner's evaluation. Those present were board members, Commissioner Bishop, Deputy Commissioner Morrison, and legal counsel.

Chair Stockhausen motioned that the board come out of executive session without any objection.

Agenda Item 8 – Consent Agenda

8A. June 3-4, 2025 Board Minutes

Board Comments

Member Bergey expressed appreciation to the department staff for their extensive preparation and hard work leading up to the board meetings. She also thanked the public for their participation and comments, noting the value of community engagement. Lastly, she acknowledged and thanked his fellow board members for their efforts in staying prepared, which helps the meetings run smoothly.

Member Lt. Col. Fowley shared that it's a beautiful summer day at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and wished everyone—students and teachers alike—a great summer break. He added that the board will continue working on their behalf.

Member Tyndall expressed appreciation for the meeting and all she learned from it. She thanked Commissioner Bishop for her contributions and complimented Chair Stockhausen on doing a great job in a challenging new role. She closed by expressing gratitude to everyone for a great meeting.

Member McCollum echoed others' comments, expressing gratitude for the preparation and ongoing work that supports Alaska's students. She shared that she's proud to contribute in any way she can and wished everyone a great month.

Member Fields praised Chair Stockhausen for a strong first meeting and acknowledged the learning curve she's facing. He thanked Commissioner Bishop for her report and efforts on goal setting and the Alaska Challenge. He expressed interest in the subcommittees' findings to help improve support for kids, teachers, and districts. He also appreciated the public comments and emphasized continuing to do what's best for kids, wishing everyone a good July.

Chair Stockhausen thanked everyone, echoed the positive comments already shared, and officially adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.