

**ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Board supports and encourages all students to obtain higher education through enrollment in college or career and technical programs upon graduation. The Board believes that institutions within the State of Alaska provide strong and varied opportunities to meet the needs and interests of graduating students and further believes that state school attendance helps support a skilled, local workforce. The district supports student participation in the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program so that students may have maximum opportunity to obtain higher education within the State of Alaska.

Students and parents/guardians will be notified at least annually of the opportunities available through the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program. This notice should include information about scholarship eligibility levels; coursework, testing, and grade point average (“GPA”) requirements; residency requirements; and the participating colleges and career and technical programs.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine scholarship eligibility for graduating students and will record the appropriate eligibility level on each student’s permanent academic record. Students will be provided an opportunity to challenge an error in the eligibility determination. The academic record of graduating students will be transmitted to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to facilitate the award of scholarships.

*(cf. 5125.2 – Challenging Student Records)*

The Board approves the sponsorship of district graduates who have been granted a grace period by the Commissioner to meet curriculum requirements for the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program. Sponsored students will be permitted to enroll for the purpose of obtaining missing curriculum requirements, so long as the sponsored student is under the age of twenty (20) at the time of enrollment.

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.113 *District determination of scholarship eligibility*

14.43.810-.849 *Alaska Merit Scholarship Program*

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4 AAC 43.010-.900 *Alaska Performance Scholarship Program*

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