

April Board Report

Special Education

In combination with the Public Health Department, the annual Child Find search was conducted at all the sites within the Southeast Island School District boundaries. During Child Find, all children, ages 3-21 years of age, are invited for screening if they are suspected of having a disability. This year's search was very successful. Over 40 preschool-aged and kindergarten students (and some adults) had their vision and hearing screened and had a pre-academic screening done with a parent request.

State Assessments

The World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) designs and implements proficiency standards and assessments for grade K-12 students who are English-language learners. ACCESS for ELLs is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards and accesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Educators use ACCESS results to make decisions about students' English academic language and facilitate their language development. SISD conducted the WIDA assessment this year for its foreign exchange students. The testing window was February 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021.

The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) assessment is in full swing, with the testing window open from April 12- April 30. PEAKS is a content area summative assessment designed to measure a student's understanding of the skills and concepts outlined in the Alaska English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science Standards for Alaska. These standards are specific rigorous expectations for growth in student's skills across grades 3-9 and science grades 5, 8, 10.

The Dynamic Learning Maps – DLM Alternate Assessment is also in full swing this month. The DLM is an alternate assessment administered to those students who have significant cognitive disabilities in grades 3-9 and cannot participate in the PEAKS assessment. The testing window is March 15-April 30, 2021.