

K-12 Funding

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Sample ISER Education Reports

- **Alaska School District Cost Study Update. 2005.**
- **Alaska Native-Focused Teacher Preparation Programs. 2014.**
- **Will they stay, or will they go? Teacher perceptions of working conditions in Alaska. 2014.**
- **Salary & Benefits Schedule and Teacher Tenure Study. 2015.**
- **The Cost of Teacher Turnover in Alaska. 2017.**



State Aid Entitlement

State aid entitlement = Basic need

**minus: Required Local Contribution
(2.65 mills)**

minus: 90% of Federal Impact Aid

**plus: \$16 per adjusted ADM for Quality
School Grants**



Determining “Basic Need”

Student Counts

(“ADM”)



“District

Adjusted

ADM”

X

Basic

Student

Allocation

(BSA)

(\$5930)

=

Basic

Need



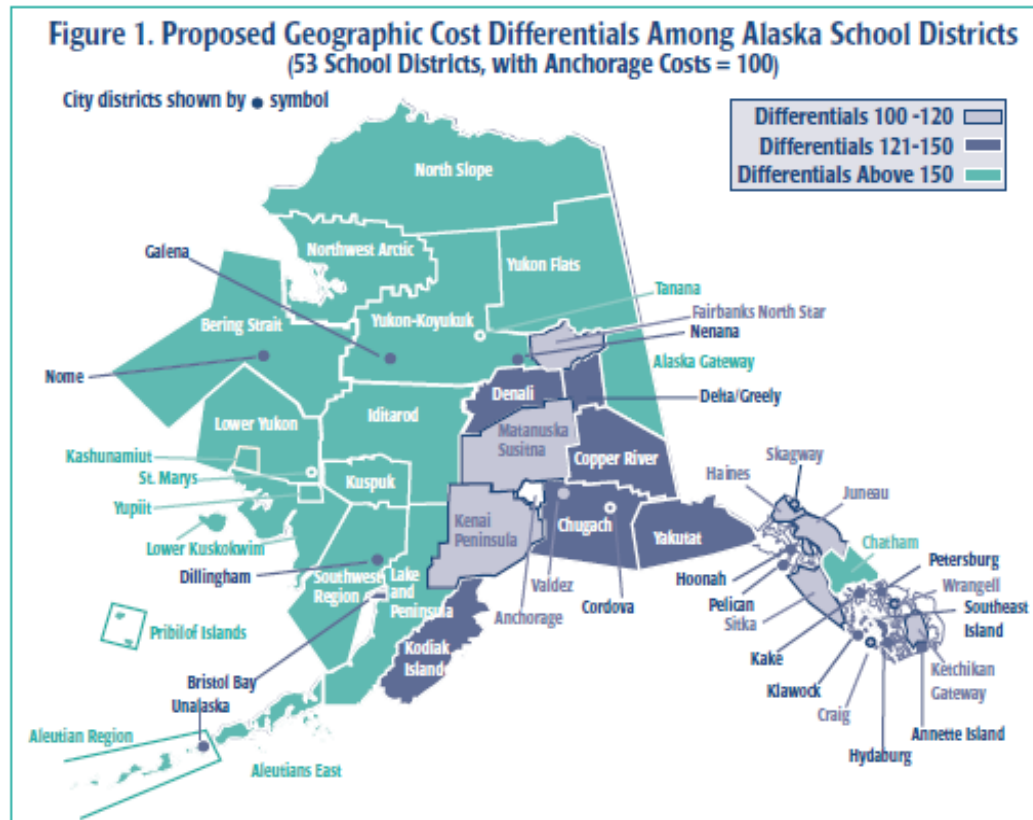
District-adjusted ADM for “regular students”

ADM → **thru table** → **multiply** → multiply
to adjust **by cost** **by 1.218 for**
for school **factor** **special needs**
size **and CTE**
(up to 4:1) **(up to 2:1)**



Cost factor differentials

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Add factors for 2 categories

Final District Adjusted ADM =

Adjusted ADM for “regular” students

plus

**13 for each “intensive” special
education student**

plus

.9 for each correspondence student



Local funding beyond Required Local Contribution

Constraint: Extra local school support cannot exceed greater of additional two mills or 23% of basic need.



For further details

Alaska DEED: “Public School Funding Program Overview.”

<https://education.alaska.gov/SchoolFinance/pdf/Funding-Overview.pdf>



Alaska school funding is different from other states

Highest funding goes to rural districts, and hence districts with lower income and higher minorities.



The dilemma of increasing reliance on local funds

- **At what point does a reduction in total funding violate constitutional guarantees for a public education?**
- **At what point would an increase in local funding create inequities that violate either constitutional guarantees and/or federal limits?**



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