

## **K-3 Alaska Reads Act Verified: Alaska DEED FREE Reads Act Professional Development Courses**

### **Guidelines/Expectations – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**All certified educators who teach, provide, and/or supervise reading instruction to students in grades K-3** must complete Alaska DEED-approved evidenced-based training (these courses are currently open to anyone working in K-6). An educator is defined as a professional who is responsible for, creates, or supervises the literacy instruction of student(s). This may include, but not limited to, the primary classroom teacher, an instructional coach, a reading Interventionist (in grades K-3), a special education teacher, an English language learner teacher, a Title I teacher, building principal, director, or ANY other educators who are responsible for supervising/delivering reading instruction and have been employed to teach kindergarten or any of grades one through three.

Alaska DEED is covering the cost of an educator to participate in one FREE PD course to meet Alaska Reads Act educator requirements (currently, Keys to Literacy, NWEA for Leaders, and LETRS). **An educator must successfully COMPLETE a course in its entirety to avoid being dropped from the course. Please check your schedule for live session dates and the coursework requirements for potential conflicts prior to enrolling.** The expectations of these graduate-level courses are listed below:

- Attend ALL virtual-live meetings for the course (MUST attend the FIRST and LAST sessions)
- Complete ALL modules in the asynchronous online course.
- Complete the pre-assessment and receive a passing score on the post-assessment.
- Complete ALL course requirements within the course timeframe.

In the case of emergency, participants may miss one meeting in between the first and last meetings but need to attend the missed live session facilitated by Alaska DEED within the course timeframe. You MUST notify a course instructor or Alaska DEED (akreads@alaska.gov) before the next course meeting if an emergency arises.

**Due to the high cost and demand of these courses, Alaska DEED must avoid losing course seats due to registrants not participating or dropping courses. Should this be the case, please understand that registering for a course that you do not complete may result in loss of priority to register for free Alaska DEED professional development in the future. Keep in mind, this could mean paying for a course or exam out of pocket to meet Alaska Reads Act educator requirements if no seats become available in the FREE Alaska DEED courses.**

#### **Relevant Alaska Reads Act Teacher Requirement Regulations:**

Beginning July 1, 2023, if the applicant seeks to qualify for certification under AS 14.20.015 or AS 14.20.020 to teach students in grades kindergarten through three, has met the requirements of 4 AAC 12.393(a).

To qualify for a K-3 Reads Act Verification, an educator shall:

- (1) hold a teacher certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.305; and
- (2) submit documentation to the department that the applicant has
  - a. completed three semester hours or the equivalent of an evidence-based reading training that includes a summative assessment and is approved by the department; or
  - b. achieved or exceeded the required score under 4 AAC 12.407 for
    - i. the ETS Praxis II Teaching Reading examination, test code 5204;
    - ii. the ETS Praxis II Teaching Reading: Elementary examination, test code 5205;
    - iii. the ETS Praxis II Teaching Reading: Elementary examination, test code 5206; or
    - iv. the Pearson Foundation of Reading examination.