**Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools**

**Students**
- Are well grounded in the cultural heritage and traditions of the community
- Achieve success academically and throughout life by building on cultural knowledge and skill
- Participate in various cultural environments
- Engage in learning based on traditional ways of knowing
- Are aware of and appreciate the interactions of all elements in the world around them.

**Teachers**
- Merge local ways of knowing into teaching
- Use the local environment and community to contextualize instruction with students’ lives
- Participate in community events and activities
- Work closely with parents, elders, and the community
- Recognize the full educational potential of each student and challenges students to achieve their potential

**Schools**
- Encourage Elders to participate
- Provide multiple forms of access to learning and multiple forms of assessment
- Provides opportunities for students to learn in their language and heritage
- Involves local community as staff
- Has facilities that are compatible with the community environment
- Fosters communication and participation with the community

**Curriculum**
- Reinforces the cultural knowledge students being with them
- Recognizes cultural knowledge as part of a living system
- Uses local language and culture as a foundation
- Fosters a complimentary relationship between traditional and academic knowledge systems
- Puts knowledge in a global context

**Community**
- Incorporates local culture into everyday affairs
- Nutures the use of local language
- Takes an active role in education
- Nutures family responsibility and send of belonging
- Assists teachers in learning and utilizing local culture and traditions
- Contributes to all aspects of schooling