



Alaska Statewide Mentor Project
Mentor Application
2012–2013

Application Due to ASMP January 31, 2012

Email or hard copy submissions will be accepted on or before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Submission Information

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The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project is a collaborative effort between the Department of Education & Early Development and the University of Alaska system. The purpose is to provide intensive, individual support to early career teachers with the goals of improving teacher retention and student achievement through developing instructional effectiveness.

Mentor Expectations

ASMP roles include the use of the **Alaska Teaching Standards, Alaska's Cultural Standards for Educators, and Grade Level Expectations** to accelerate classroom practice through instructional mentoring. Instructional mentoring includes short- and long-term planning, classroom management design and implementation, lesson development, formative and summative assessments, differentiated instruction, resource sharing, goal setting, modeling lessons, team teaching, classroom data collection, and facilitating professional communication with colleagues, families, administration, and members of the community. Mentors provide other professional support as requested by the individual teacher.

Mentors are required to attend training academies as well as other professional development opportunities throughout the year. Use of the established Formative Assessment System will be an integral part of the training, and mentors are expected to use the tools as introduced to document their work with each early career teacher. Mentors are required to visit their early career teachers in person every month and communicate weekly.

Face-to-face mentoring requires extensive travel. Overnight travel often requires mentors to sleep on classroom floors at the school site and pack their own food and bedding. Phone and email communication may require evening and weekend contact time.

Qualifications

- **Not currently employed within a school district**
- **Current Alaska teaching certificate**
- **8 years Alaska teaching experience**
- **Currently residing in Alaska**

Professional

- Current and relevant teaching practices and pedagogy
- Recency of classroom experience (within 2 years) or other relevant work in the Education field
- Strong background in content areas of language arts, math, science, social studies, elementary education, and/or special education
- Recognized as an excellent classroom practitioner
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the academic achievement of all students

Personal

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Credibility with peers and administrators
- Respect for multiple perspectives
- Ability to accept new challenges within the education profession
- Evident curiosity and eagerness to learn
- Ability to accept supervision and follow directives

Compensation

Mentors will receive a contract for their services, renewable on a yearly basis.

Application Requirements

To be considered for a mentor position in the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project, you must **submit a complete application that includes all of the following items:**

- 1-page cover letter
- Current curriculum vita or resumé
- Three (3) professional letters of support that speak to your qualifications for the position
 - ✓ One (1) from your current or most recent supervisor
- Three (3) contact names and current phone numbers to serve as professional references
- Application form (see page 4)
- Written responses to the following questions:
 1. What experience do you have working with adults in an education setting?
 2. How have you addressed issues of diversity in your classroom? Please provide an example.
 3. What would you hope to gain from your experience as an Alaska Statewide Mentor?

Submission and Review

Complete application materials are due by email or hard-copy submission to the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project by *4:30pm Tuesday, January 31, 2012.*

Send application materials to the following address:

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**Finalist Interviews will be held in Fairbanks, April 6–7, 2012; and
in Anchorage, April 20–21, 2012**

