

# ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP



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<p><b>Required Curriculum</b> (for all levels)</p> <p>Students can choose either curriculum option.</p> <p><i>Contact your counselor for information about APS courses. Approved courses may also be available through resources such as the University of Alaska or others. Eligibility is determined based upon courses with a letter grade contained in your high school's permanent student record.</i></p>	<b>Math &amp; Science Curriculum:</b>		<b>Social Studies &amp; Language Curriculum:</b>	
	Science (4 credits)		Science (3 credits)	
	Math (4 credits)		Math (3 credits)	
	Social Studies (4 credits)		Social Studies (4 credits)	
	Language Arts (4 credits)		Language Arts (4 credits)	
			World Language (2 credits)	<i>same language for both credits</i>

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
	<b>UP TO \$4,755</b> <i>per year</i>	<b>UP TO \$3,566</b> <i>per year</i>	<b>UP TO \$2,378</b> <i>per year</i>
<b>Required GPA</b>	<b>3.5 or greater</b>	<b>3.0 or greater</b>	<b>2.5 or greater</b>
<b>Required Testing</b> <i>"Certificate" means a career &amp; technical education certificate and does not include associate's degrees.</i>	<b>ACT/SAT: Use APS for degree or certificate</b>		
	<b>ACT 25</b> <b>SAT 1210*</b> <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>	<b>ACT 23</b> <b>SAT 1130*</b> <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>	<b>ACT 21</b> <b>SAT 1060*</b> <small>*for SAT taken March 2016 or later</small>
	<b>WorkKeys: Use APS for certificate only</b> <small>A combination score of 13 or higher with no score below 4, is required in Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents</small>		
	<b>WorkKeys 13</b>	<b>WorkKeys 13</b>	<b>WorkKeys 13</b>

On track to qualify? Get ready to put your APS award to work! Download Initial Award and Continuing Eligibility Checklists at [APS.alaska.gov](http://APS.alaska.gov)

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## APS QUALIFYING COURSES

Only approved courses can be used to complete the required APS curriculum. Eligibility is determined based upon courses with a letter grade contained in your school's permanent student record. Each requirement is for a complete unit of credit (half-credit courses count as half of a required APS course).

The State Board of Education & Early Development has published the following approved standard courses. Any course consisting of a complete unit of credit and matching the titles of the approved standard courses can be used to meet the APS curriculum requirements.

Public School Districts may also approve standard courses. Each school district is responsible for providing students with a complete list of APS-qualifying courses.

For private/homeschool students applying for the APS to the Department of Education & Early Development (EED) using the APS Eligibility Determination Application, the use of any additional courses to meet the APS curriculum requirements must first be approved by EED.

## STUDENTS MAY ALSO USE APPROVED ADDITIONAL COURSES AS FOLLOWS:

### Social Studies & Language Curriculum option:

Up to one additional course may be substituted for a standard course in each subject area (math, science, language arts, and social studies).

### Math & Science Curriculum option:

Up to one additional course may be substituted for a standard course in math and language arts, and up to two additional courses may be substituted for standard courses in science and social studies. Additionally, for the Math & Science Curriculum option only, a foreign language, Alaska Native Language, American Sign Language, cultural heritage, or fine arts course may be substituted for one standard course of social studies.

*Please note: Students in public school districts can select additional courses only from a list of approved additional courses provided by their district.*

### MATH

standard courses

- algebra 1
- algebra 2
- geometry
- trigonometry
- pre-calculus
- calculus
- calculus 2
- statistics
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### SCIENCE

standard courses

- physical science
- earth science
- biology
- chemistry
- physics
- marine biology
- anatomy & physiology
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### LANGUAGE ARTS

standard courses

- composition
- American literature
- world literature
- speech & debate
- advanced composition
- creative writing
- British literature
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### SOCIAL STUDIES

standard courses

- world history
- American history
- geography
- American government
- civics
- economics
- Alaska history
- western civilization
- eastern civilization
- psychology
- sociology
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## WAYS TO ACCESS APPROVED COURSES:

Several alternative sources to access approved APS courses are available (such as the University of Alaska or others). In most cases, a fee will be required to enroll in these courses. If you are considering using courses from outside of your school to qualify for the APS, ensure these courses are approved by your district.



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