

## ALASKA

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Related URLs	
Comments	
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	<a href="#">Alaska Special Education Handbook</a>
Standards For:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	Passing score on the Educational Interpreters Knowledge Assessment: Written Test
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	In order to be hired and retained, Educational Interpreters in Alaska must present a score of 4.0 or better on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment.
CEU's	To maintain a highly qualified standing, a minimum of 60 contact hours of continuing education must be completed and documented every 5 years: (30 hours in the area of knowledge and 30 hours in the area of skills). Documentation of these hours must be on file in the District's special education office.
Initial Hiring	School districts may hire interpreters who score below 4.0, with the condition that they raise their score to 4.0 within two years.
Developmental Alternatives	School districts that are unable to locate and hire an interpreter who scores 4.0 may hire an interpreter with a lesser score but must also file a training plan that will help the interpreter raise the score to a 3.0 within two years and a 4.0 within two more years.  The Professional Development Plan will be tied to the skill deficits outlines in the EIPA report. The plan will have explicit goals, timelines and expected outcomes.
Renewals	
Additional Information	Tracy Pifer Alaska School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (907) 742-4243  Comment: Anchorage is doing fairly well in meeting the standard. Enforcement is "iffy," and varies district to district. Possible changes in the future include adding a requirement for an AA degree, possibly a BA, in larger cities. Perhaps adding a standard for oral interpreting, perhaps the RID

	certification along with passing the EIPA written.
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