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Geography Education National Implementation Project: Alaska**Number of Teachers: 8,751****Number of Social Studies Teachers: 1,551****I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Praxis
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A. Geography and Social Studies Teacher Licensure Requirements

Question 4: Is a social studies examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 7: Is there a stand-alone geography content examination required for geography only licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 8: What is the minimum number of geography courses a pre-service teacher must take during their educator preparation program?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Unknown
c. 7-12 th Grades	Unknown

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	No data
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B. Professional Development

Question 10: Can in service teachers receive certification credit for professional development courses or programs in geography?	No
Question 11: Does the state education agency (SEA) provide professional development in geography?	No

II. Curriculum

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	Alaska Standards: Fourth Edition
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	State standards are presented by grade bands (1, 2, 3 etc.)
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	7-10 years
Question 18: Are there plans for revision to the state standards?	No timeline
Question 19: Is geography included in the state standards?	Yes
Question 20: How are the geography standards organized?	Geography standards are organized by strand
Question 21: What framework and/or documents were used?	Geography for Life (1994)

Question 22: What general topics are included?

Spatial Thinking and/or Mental Maps, Human-environment interaction, Places and/or regions, Physical geography (including physical processes, weather & climate, natural resources), Culture, Geopolitics, Population and Settlements, Movement of people, goods and/or ideas, Using geospatial technologies.

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	21 credit hours
Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	3 credit hours
Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	0 credit hours

Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	Not offered
b. 6-8 Grades	Not offered
c. 7-12 th Grades	Not offered

Question 26a: What is the name of the courses?

There is no state-mandated curriculum

III. Student Assessment

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	Alaska Measures of Progress
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Question 29: Is a social studies exam required during K-12?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 th Grades	No

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 th Grades	No

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	No revision planned
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	No

Disclaimer: Data for this state was collected from public state education websites and through a survey to state education officers or other educators. Education data for each state changes almost yearly depending on enrollments, adoption cycles for standards, K-12 assessment requirements, and state certification requirements for teacher education. This data represents a snapshot for this state, but may not contain the most recent data. It represents the clearest snapshot of geography's role within K-12 education during 2015-2016.