

U.S. Department of Education Voluntary Public School Choice
Yukon Koyukuk VPSC
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Alignment of VPSC Grant Activities with Permissible Uses of Funds

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Year I: Year one was a baseline planning year for the Yukon Koyukuk School District (YKSD) program implementation					
▪ Create inter-district choice agreements	✓				
▪ Hire and train support staff (School Success administrator, Education/Reading specialist)	✓		✓		
▪ Provide professional development for all school staff regarding School Success/ Alyeska Cycle and student learning management system.			✓		
▪ Develop electronic student learning management database system with student learning plans and instructional tools to increase achievement and student learning system to track individual progression through standards based instruction	✓				✓
▪ Obtain intra-district buy-in and agreement for VPSC program	✓				
▪ Develop program of Alaska standards-aligned curriculum and assessment to track student progress on standards.	✓				
▪ Hire and train local liaisons for asset development support and increasing community and parent engagement.	✓			✓	
▪ Develop local community support activities	✓			✓	
Year II					
▪ Provided transportation and boarding costs for those students who exercise choice					✓
▪ Tuition transfer payments to schools for students exercising choice (as appropriate and allowed by Federal and Alaska law).		✓			
▪ Provided Distance Education through web-based student tracking software, computer-based		✓			

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coursework, and telecommunications.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided communication services to inform and communicate with parents and students regarding choice and choice options 				✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented Year 1 of the School Success cycle, which results in high achieving schools continuing to achieve and/or increase achievement, and to help non-high achieving schools becoming high performing, thereby increasing in-district student choice options. 			✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established mentor programs between teachers of high-performing schools and teachers in low-performing schools to provide guidance and support for restructuring efforts to provide additional choice schools 			✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YKSD partnered with several nationally recognized school improvement, youth development, and technology experts; PEAK Learning Institute, Integrated Youth Development, and WWIDEA. 			✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing improvement planning and analysis of needs with receiving schools. 			✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel and support to receiving schools 			✓		