



2026 NATIONAL REPORT CARD

Alaska

CLASS OF
2026 GRADE



PROJECTED CLASS
OF 2029 GRADE



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Is a high school course with personal finance concepts required to be taken as a graduation requirement?

No, personal finance is not included in the graduation requirements, either as a standalone course or embedded in another course for the Class of 2026. Alaska high school students must earn a minimum of 21 credits with three credits in social studies.

Sources:

- [4 AAC 06.075. High School Graduation Requirements](#)

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION STANDARDS

In December 2024 Alaska adopted new social study standards for grades K-12. These standards will be fully implemented when the students that enter high school in academic year 2025-2026 graduate (the Class of 2029). This document notes: *"The standards outline the minimum standards that students in Alaska should learn in each grade band. The standards address a foundational framework of what is to be learned, but they do not address how learning experiences are to be designed or what resources should be used...The standards establish a statewide baseline of what students should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a grade band."* Included in this 129-page document are 46 economics standards and 13 of these standards (28%) have financial literacy content. No high school course is identified where these standards are expected to be taught to students. It is not clear how the Alaska Department of Education monitors local high schools to ensure that personal finance content is being taught to students. Alaska also has employability standards that

apply to the Class of 2026 that include certain concepts contained in the Earning Income section of the National Standards for Personal Finance Education.

Sources:

- [Employability Standards](#)
- [Alaska Social Studies Standards, Adopted December 2024](#) (page 102)

PRE-K TO GRADE EIGHT EDUCATION STANDARDS

Alaska's social studies education standards include, as part of economic standards, some personal finance concepts for the following grade bands: K to one, three to five and six to eight grade bands. It is not clear if the employability standards are taught prior to high school.

PROJECTED GRADE FOR CLASS OF 2029

Grade C for the Class of 2029. As describe above, new social studies standards will be fully implemented for all high school grades by academic year 2028-2029. When this is fully implemented Alaska's grade will change. All school districts are expected to teach personal finance content to high school students, but how this requirement is implemented is left entirely to local districts to determine.

CAVEAT

It is not clear how Alaska measures student achievement in financial literacy or how the state monitors local school district implementation of the financial literacy education requirement.