

## Data Limitations

Alaska Native region boundaries and school district boundaries do not follow the same geographic lines. Based on discussions held with the Alaska Native Policy Center, decisions were made to assign school districts with overlapping boundaries to one geographic region. Those designations are noted in the methodology section of this report.

The Department of Education and Early Development includes correspondence and cyber schools in the evaluation by school districts. For the 2003-2004 school year data, the correspondence and cyber schools were omitted from the student/teacher ratios, but not the from the benchmark and High School Graduation Qualifying Examination results.

If the Department of Education and Early Development could not release information about a school or school district, due to concerns that it may reveal an individual student's performance, this is noted in the report's narrative text or found in an explanation under the table or graphic.

The following sections provide education indicators for 12 Alaska Native regions.