

Adopted ASD Alaska Studies Frameworks:

The student will:

- Identify the absolute and relative locations of Alaska and its neighbors and selected locations within the state.
- Identify and describe physical and cultural (including political and economic geography) characteristics of Alaska.
- Identify and locate major physical (including climate) and cultural locations and regions within Alaska.
- Identify and describe examples of human/environment relationships existing within Alaska.
- Describe the impact of various forms of communication and transportation technology upon Alaska over time
- Describe Alaskan politics and issues that unify/divide the state. (e.g.. state versus tribal/ethnic loyalties, rural/urban issues, subsistence issues, resource development, environmental protection, etc.
- Identify and describe the economic forces that Alaska depends on for economic survival (e.g. Permanent Fund, natural resources).
- Identify and appreciate the cultural diversity of Alaska's population
- Explain the differing roles that State and local governments have in servicing Alaska's population.
- Describe important historical, political, and economics factors that helped Alaska to become part of the United States.
- Explain the history, the politics and the ongoing issues related to the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement.
- Describe the role of Alaska on the Pacific Rim (economic, tourism, natural resources, investment, education, geographical-global position, etc.).
- Explain the role of global economics and how it affects the Alaskan economy.
- Explain the importance of the United States military to Alaska and the security of the United States.
- Identify and describe environmental issues that are being debated in Alaska and explain differing viewpoints on these issues (commercial fishing, natural resource development-

oil, timber, mining, commercial development, subsistence use of the land, public vs. private ownership of land, whaling, etc.).

- Compare and contrast the geography of Alaska as it relates to the geography of the Pacific Rim (physical, cultural, political, climatic).
- Identify and describe the treaties, national and state laws that involve Alaska's economic development in relation to the Pacific Rim (1) fishing : IFQ's, Canadian issues, international quotas, methods of catching fish (2) Native subsistence - whaling, hunting (3) environment