

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

June 30, 2011

TO: SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF AND TEACHERS

FROM: CINDY ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SPECIAL EDUCATION



SUBJECT: DIPLOMA-TRACK STUDENTS ENROLLED IN LIFE SKILL CLASSES

Students who have an IEP reflecting an expectation to participate in the Standards Based Assessments and/or the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) must be afforded the opportunity to academically prepare by enrolling in classes that reflect the required Alaska State Standards.

Life Skills classes are designed utilizing an alternate curriculum that teaches everyday living skills to address individual student needs. Most students enrolled in Life Skills classes are expected to be on Alternate Assessment, Non-diploma track. If students are enrolled in Life Skills classes for most or part of their school day and are on a diploma track expecting to participate in SBAs and HSGQE, it is imperative that the IEP team meets to determine appropriate classes. This population must be provided intervention/remedial, resource, or general education classes in reading, writing, math, and science to provide the required opportunity to access the standards based curriculum aligned to the SBA and HSGQE expectations.

The transcript of a student should reflect the appropriate classes to prepare students to meet the Alaska State Standards and HSGQE proficiencies.