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MEMO TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Under Alaska Statute (AS) 14.07.020(b)(2)(B), as part of a comprehensive system of assessments, the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) must "include a developmental profile for students entering kindergarten or first grade."

Under 4 AAC 06.712(a), "A student whose profile was submitted entering kindergarten does not need an additional profile upon entering first grade."

Starting with the 2022 implementation, districts will only have to submit profiles for first graders **who did not previously attend kindergarten.**

Students who had previously attended kindergarten out of state, in private schools, or homeschool settings will not be required to submit a profile.

Guidance:

- District testing coordinators (DTCs) will be responsible for including any student who did not previously attend kindergarten in the district's Alaska Development Profile upload list.
- The teachers of applicable first grade students will be notified by the district and be given training to complete the profile by the November 1st deadline.

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