

FAST FACTS

- Nearly 25% of Alaska's 9th graders do not graduate from high school four years later.
- The U.S. ranks 49th in literacy among the 158 members of the United Nations.
- 30% of youths ages 16-24 lack the skills for entry level employment.
- 51% of high school seniors have completed courses in geometry and algebra.
- 8% of high school seniors have taken calculus.
- 5% of high school seniors have the thinking skills necessary to study advanced mathematics in college.
- Alaska's public schools spend more than \$1 billion a year in state, local, and federal funds on capital and operating expenses.