

'Relevant' education is topic

How to deliver effective and relevant education to culturally different population groups was the focus of a study by the Alaska Council on Science and Technology in Juneau.

The study is critical on the lack of ongoing research to upgrade effective schooling. Thirty-Nine percent of the state budget goes to support education yet little money is allocated for research. The major source of research funds are coming from the National Institute of Education now. The NIE research is centered on black and Hispanic children in the urban getthos, rather than on Indian and Eskimo children in remote villages.

According to the council's executive director, Christopher Noah, recommends four research projects: to define and assess effective cross-cultural education; study the effects of community participation in schools; teach educators cross-cultural education skills and develop educational approaches for village high schools.