

UA Rural School Project Seeks Enrollees for Its Summer Program

The University of Alaska Rural School Project is enrolling students from grades one through eight for its expanded summer school program.

A one-room multi-grade rural school will be simulated in the project's newest of three units on the UA campus and the students will be taught by teachers training for assignments in isolated villages of Alaska.

Mrs. Winifred D. Lande, executive director of the project, said, "We want to make the school as similar to a village operation as

possible.

"It is hoped to enroll students who have spent much of their life in a village. Applicants will be screened with this in mind."

The summer school can be an enrichment program for children who have recently moved to Fairbanks and who may have transition problems, Mrs. Lande explained.

"Effort will be made to meet the special educational needs of each child," she said, "but the purpose of the school is not to provide make-up or compensatory education for students."

The school will run from July 1 to August 16 with the students attending classes Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Arnold Granville, curriculum specialist for the project, will be director of the summer school. He has more than 30 years of experience teaching and supervising in the state's rural schools.

Students will be transported between their homes and the school on the UA campus by chartered bus. A free mid-morning snack will be served.

Persons interested in obtaining application forms or further information should contact the Alaska Rural School Project, Room 304-D Eielson Building on the UA campus or phone 479-7694.

The project program was expanded this summer to include the simulated one-

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room rural school at the request of teachers who have participated in the program during the past two summers.

The school is a well-equipped classroom, added recently to the project's complex of prefab experimental units located on the UA campus just south of the university's main entrance on the Nenana Road.

Other units house the project's audio-visual center and curriculum resource laboratory. These units also will serve as classrooms for the summer school program.

The summer school is part of the project's annual eight-week training institute which prepares 50 selected teachers for rural school assignments. These are teachers who have not taught in Alaska's rural villages.

Course instruction for the teachers will include classes in anthropology, English as a second language, rural school methods and other

educational activities related to their village assignments.

Upon completion of the institute program, 25 of the teachers will take assignments with the Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and 25 with state-operated or small schools in the boroughs.

In addition to the project's four staff members, five full-time instructors and more than 20 part-time consultant-instructor personnel will serve on the institute faculty.

The institute and its summer school for students are supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation and federal funds from the Alaska Department of Education and the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.

The project's overall program is to upgrade rural school practices and materials and to provide qualified teachers for Alaska's rural areas.