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Governor Signs Landmark Alaska Performance Scholarship Legislation

Juneau, Alaska – The Governor signed key legislation aimed to improve access to and utilization of the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) after years of declining use. As a result, the following updates are now in place for the State’s merit-based scholarship program:

- Remove standardized test score requirement
 - Students can now become APS eligible by meeting a minimum GPA requirement **OR** minimum test score requirement
- Increase award amount for each APS award level
- Expand qualifying rigorous high school curriculum options
- Deliver earlier award notification by mid-Junior year
- Eliminate distinction between “Collegiate” and “CTE” award tracks
- Extend term of use from 6 to 8 years
- Offer step-up provision for continuing students to increase award level after two terms/semesters

These changes are effective immediately, impacting eligibility criteria for the Class of 2024 and beyond. Continuing students are also impacted by these changes. They may receive the award for up to 8 years and may qualify for the step-up provision after two terms/semesters to increase their award amount.

ACPE will update the APS website to reflect these newly enacted changes. Continue to check for updates at aps.alaska.gov.

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