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Juneau, AK - The State of Alaska has released its annual report of school ratings. The Alaska School Performance Index, or ASPI, rates public schools on a one to five star scale based on data from the 2013-14 school year. This is the second year the State has used this system, which is designed to provide a way to assess and support Alaska's public schools.

Schools receive a score based on student performance on a 100-point scale. The score takes into account proficiency for students grades 3 through 10 in math, reading and writing; student growth in those areas; attendance and graduation rates; participation rates; as well as scores on SAT, ACT and WorkKeys tests.

Results for the Juneau School District show strong performance and growth overall, as well as improved ASPI star ratings at Glacier Valley Elementary School, Riverbend Elementary, Yaakoosge Daakahidi Alternative High School and Johnson Youth Center.

All six Juneau elementary schools, the Juneau Community Charter School, and both middle schools achieved 4 star ASPI ratings according to data released by the Department of Education and Early Development.

Superintendent Mark Miller was pleased with the news. "I am proud to be in a school district where every one of our elementary and middle schools has excelled to a four star rating," he said. "This shows that ALL students can achieve and shine. While we still have a ways to go, we are making progress toward our unwavering goal of educational equity."

An identified growth area for the school district is student attendance. Schools will continue to focus on this for the 2014-15 school year. Attendance last year was up slightly to 92%, compared to 91% the year prior.

The preliminary 4-year on-time graduation rate was up at both comprehensive high schools. TMHS posted a preliminary graduation rate of 89.74%, up a bit from the 89.47% of the previous year. Principal Dan Larson explains, "First and foremost our faculty has an unwavering service to our students; second, maximizing our resources helped students recover credit, attain credit and accelerate credit production through academic supports and individualized attention." Finally, he added, "our parents and school community support has been nothing less than phenomenal."

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The graduation rate at JDHS was up to 90.68%, an increase from 88.15% in 2013. Juneau-Douglas High School Principal Paula Casperson says, “JDHS has worked hard to establish an early intervention system and wrap around support for all students at all grade levels. Each faculty member contributes to our Student Success Team via an online reporting system. We believe that our increasingly personalized approach has greatly assisted us in achieving these gains.”

District wide graduation rate had not yet been released by the state, but is expected to exceed the 79% of the previous year.

2013-14 Juneau School District Alaska School Performance Index

School	Star Rating	Score	Graduation Rate
Auke Bay Elementary	★★★★	93.91	n/a
Gastineau Elementary	★★★★	86.30	n/a
Glacier Valley	★★★★	86.65	n/a
Harborview Elementary	★★★★	90.15	n/a
Mendenhall River	★★★★	93.45	n/a
Riverbend Elementary	★★★★	90.64	n/a
Juneau Community Charter School	★★★★	92.24	n/a
Dzantik'i Heeni MS	★★★★	90.15	n/a
Floyd Dryden MS	★★★★	92.17	n/a
Juneau-Douglas HS	★★★	83.69	90.68%
Thunder Mountain HS	★★★	82.99	89.68%
Yaakoosge Daakahidi Alternative HS	★★	60.49	32.73%
HomeBRIDGE	★★★	76.66	55.56%
Johnson Youth Center	★★★	82.98	50.00%