



Southwest Region School District

2023-24 Impact Aid Application Summary

October 4, 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Impact Aid provides financial assistance to school districts affected by federal activities. Because federal property is exempt from local property taxes, Impact Aid helps to replace the lost revenue that would otherwise be available to pay for educating children who live on Indian lands and/or whose parents work on federal property.

Southwest Region School District receives funding for each child that lives on Indian lands. Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts. Impact Aid funds are in the unrestricted class, meaning that the funds may be used for any number of activities but in accordance with their local and State requirements. The State of Alaska applies 90% of the Impact Aid revenue towards our basic state foundation funding. This means that the majority of Impact Aid is not additional funding but in fact replaces the foundation funds that the state would have paid based on student count.

Southwest Region School District uses Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and instructional aides; fringe benefits for teachers and instructional aides; development of curriculum and purchasing curriculum resources; providing technology in the schools; instructional supplies, and equipment.

This funding varies from year to year but is usually somewhere between \$4.9 million and \$5.2 million. This funding goes into the general operating budget. Below is a summary of the Impact Aid Application for 2023-24 based on the following criteria. Children who:

1. Reside on federal property with a parent employed on eligible federal property located at least partly within the school district; or
 2. Reside on eligible federal property and have a parent on active duty in the uniformed services of the United States; or
 3. Reside on eligible federal property and have a parent who is both an accredited foreign government official and a foreign military officer; or
 4. Reside on eligible Indian lands (no parental employment required).
- 331 students live on ANCSA land
 - 178 students live on specific individual restricted parcels
 - 0 students live on other eligible federal property that are neither ANCSA or restricted.