



# GK-12 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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*Teaching Alaskans, Sharing  
Knowledge (TASK) GK-12 Program*

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The TASK GK-12 program is a joint effort of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. The program's main goal is to assist in the creation and implementation of science-related grade level curriculum and activities for the classroom by bringing current technology, tools and content knowledge to K-8 students. TASK GK-12 Fellows are assigned to selected classrooms as "Scientists in Residence" for long-term assistance in STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics).

Together, the Fellows and their Partner Teachers team-teach fundamental science concepts in engaging and creative ways, to bring understanding and stimulate interest in STEM subjects amongst the students. Our "team approach" allows Fellow and Partner Teachers to team up with a Faculty Mentor as well, allowing for even more resource potential within the science community.

In the third year, the program shifted focus to middle-school grade levels (6-8), spurred by a desire to reach more students. Due to the rotating schedule in most middle school classrooms, this new focus allows for significantly increased student contact hours, and allows TASK to tailor training more specifically to this age group.

TASK is currently in its final year.

