

- Reflects and responds to the desired learning program

- Supports a variety of learning styles and methods for delivering instruction
- Supports a “learning anytime, anywhere” philosophy
- Enables all learners to be successful
- Supports future changes in educational delivery systems.

Site development is integral to the vision and goals of the community. Please include a site plan.

The project models sustainability in its physical form (components, systems, attributes) and its educational program.

Dossier Submittal Requirements:

To address the criteria and illustrate the successful story of your project, please assemble document not to exceed 20 pages that best illustrates and describes the project and process.

Please avoid identification of any particular brand, firm, or owner involved in the project.

The dossier should include the following sections:

- Executive Summary – Describe the overall goals and outcomes of the project
- Scope of work and budget
- School and community engagement:
 - Describe the community
 - Identify stakeholders
 - Name challenges
 - Describe available assets
 - Describe value of process and project to community at large
- Educational Environment
 - Explain the educational vision and goals of the school
 - Describe and illustrate how the environment supports the curriculum
 - Describe and illustrate how the environment supports a variety of learning and teaching styles
 - Describe and illustrate how the environment is adaptable and flexible.
- Physical Environment
 - Describe and illustrate the physical attributes of the environment
 - Describe and illustrate how the facility fits within the larger context of the community.
 - Describe and illustrate how the project inspires and motivates.
- Results of the Process and Project
 - Explain how the project achieves educational goals and objectives
 - Explain how the project achieves school district goals
 - Explain how the project achieves community goals
 - Explain any unintended results and achievements of the process and project.

Project Dossier Technical Requirements:

To address the criteria and illustrate the successful story of your project, please assemble document not to exceed 20 pages that best illustrates and describes the project and process.

All dossier files should be in PDF format and not to exceed 15 MB and 20 pages. Files exceeding these limits will not be submitted to the jury.

Please use the name of the project as the file name. For example: Meadowlark Elementary School: Johnson Middle School-Major Addition; Big Brothers/Big Sisters Learning Center, etc.

Please insert electronic tabs for each section of the dossier so jurors can easily navigate through the information.

Either portrait or landscape layout can be used. Please consider that many jurors will review the material in electronic format.

Avoid using firm names and references from the descriptions.

Additional Information:

Judging

Note that project will be judged on the Project Dossier and other electronic files submitted in advance of the deadline for the award, by the jury in accordance with the stated criteria. Awards are per the jury’s sole discretion and the jury’s decisions are final. Display boards will be mounted for the exhibition at the Alaska Chapter Conference for viewing by conference attendees, but will not be used in judging.

Jury

A distinguished jury representing both design and educational professionals will review entries. The jury will have sole discretion in selecting entries that best represent exemplary practice in educational facilities design and planning. All awards or other special recognition will be awarded at their discretion. All decisions are final.

Display Boards

Print and mount display boards on landscape format 20”x40” eco-board or other suitable rigid, light-weight material, with each project presenting on one board. Boards will be mounted using “Velcro” attachments to exhibit frames. Please attach (or include in package) sticky-backed Velcro strips in 2” lengths (hook side only) for each corner of the panel. Text on Presentation Boards should be large enough for exhibit viewing and kept simple.

The display boards should meet the following criteria:

Board Content

- Project Data with the following minimum information: Clearly indicate the Owner, Architect, Project Name, and location of the project.
- Building area and construction cost for the entire project. Provide all site work/development costs (note separated out of including to building costs). Remodel project should appropriately describe separate areas and costs for additional and modernized spaces.
- Names of consultants including educational consultants, architects, engineers, and specialty consultants, and project management personnel
- Name of general contractor
- Names of major material supplies (in particular A4LE industry partners)

Submission

In order to provide adequate display space and to provide each team timely information on where to submit their application, **online registration forms and entry fees shall be received no later than October 30th, 2026**. After confirmation of completed registration, applicants shall email their submittal directly to the Alaska Chapter Award Chair.

To permit adequate time for jury review, **digital PDF's of the final Dossier must be emailed to the A4LE Alaska Chapter Award Chair, Robby Bray no later than 5:00 p.m. October 30th, 2026**. Email shall be sent to robby.bray@convergint.com

Each entrant will have the opportunity to provide a brief presentation about their project during the conference awards presentation. The length of the presentations will be dependent on the number of applicants.

The physical Display Panels will need to be brought to the A4LE conference by each registrant on the first day of the conference to be put up for display. If a registrant is not able to deliver their display boards to the conference, they may deliver them before the conference to the following address:

A4LE Alaska Architectural Awards
Wedgewood Resort 212 Wedgewood Dr Fairbanks, AK 99701 UNITED
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All entries will be displayed for the duration of the conference and will be available for retrieval by each registrant at the end of the conference. **The awards will be announced at the 2026 Alaska Chapter Conference Awards Presentation.**

The Alaska Chapter of A4LE reserves the right to assign exhibit space for the Display Panels. The Alaska Chapter of A4LE will not be responsible for panels damaged or lost through theft, fire, accident or vandalism. No special lighting systems will be provided or permitted. Registrants will be responsible for repackaging and retrieving their displays, unless other arrangements have been made.

Cost

\$175.00 A4LE Members

\$225.00 Non-Members

