

2026 EPI Analysis for Alma College

2026 EPI Performance Score: Alma College						
Category	Indicator	Points	State Avg.	EPI Score	Points Awarded	
Candidate Selection & Completion	Teaching Promise ¹	5	98.0%	98.6%	5	
Knowledge & Skills for Teaching	Mastery of Teaching Subjects ²	20	91.0%	86.5%	17	
	Subject-Specific Pedagogical Knowledge ²	5	84.3%	66.7%	2	
	Candidate Teaching Skill ¹	15	93.4%	93.2%	15	
	Candidate Rating of Program ¹	10	92.5%	95.2%	10	
Performance as Classroom Teachers	Impact on K-12 Student Learning ³	15	94.3%	94.8%	15	
	Demonstrated Teaching Knowledge ⁴	5	90.7%	80.6%	3	
Robust Clinical Experiences	Candidate Placement Diversity ^{1,5}	4	73.1%	90.6%	4	
	Candidate Rating of Opportunities ¹	4	89.8%	89.3%	3	
	Response Rates	a) Teacher Candidates ¹	2	84.6%	100.0%	2
		b) Candidate Supervisor ¹	2	93.8%	100.0%	2
		c) Cooperating Teacher ¹	2	82.7%	85.7%	2
Program Partnership Strength ¹	6	91.0%	91.4%	6		

Data Sources:

- ¹ 2024-25 Candidate Suite Surveys
- ² 2022-25 Michigan Test for Teacher Certification 3-Year Cumulative Pass Rates
- ³ 2024-25 Educator Effectiveness Ratings
- ⁴ 2024-25 Administrator Survey
- ⁵ 2024-25 School Demographics

Points	86
% of 95	90.5%

77% of total points required to meet satisfactory requirements.

2026 Corrective Action Status: Phase 0, Satisfactory
No MDE consultation required

The EPP receives an annual Education Preparation Institution (EPI) Performance Score from the Michigan Department of Education. In the 2026 EPI Performance Score, Alma received 86 of the 95 points (90.5%). To receive a rating of Satisfactory with no corrective action required, an EPP must earn at least 77% of the 95 points.

There are four categories in the EPI performance score. Alma received 5 out of 5 points (100%) in Candidate Selection & Completion, 44 out of 50 points (88%) in Knowledge & Skills for Teaching, 17 out of 20 points (85%) in Performance as Classroom Teachers, and 20 out of 20 points (100%) in Robust Clinical Experiences.

There are 13 indicators in the performance score across the four categories. The EPP earns a percentage score on each indicator, in addition to the point total. Alma's percentage score was above the state average on 8 of the 13 indicators. There were three indicators in which Alma was more than 2 percentage points below the state average: Mastery of Teaching Subjects, Subject-Specific Pedagogical Knowledge, and Demonstrated Teaching Knowledge. The first two are drawn from 3-Year Michigan Test for Teacher Certification cumulative pass rates, while the third is drawn from the 2024-25 Administrator Survey.

For comparison, in the three previous years, Alma was comparable to the state average on these indicators (above the state average 4 times and below the state average 5 times). In particular, Alma was below the state average in 2026 by the greatest amount on the Subject-Specific Pedagogical Knowledge indicator (66.7% vs. 84.3%). However, Alma was above the state average on this indicator in 2025 (87.5% vs. 81.7%). Therefore, the results from 2026 are not illustrative of a multi-year trend of poor performance on these indicators.