

Back to School



Anchorage School District

Announcements

- **Students in grades 2–12 start school Tuesday, August 16.**
- **Students in grades pre-K–1 start school Monday, August 22.**

Registration

www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool

For assistance determining the school your child will attend, please call Demographics, 348-5190. School boundaries also can be found online through our School Finder search program. All students attending an alternative or charter school for the first time should register at that school. Proof of residency, such as a utility or phone bill, contract of purchase or lease agreement will be verified for:

- New-to-school or new-to-district students (including kindergarten) registering at any school.
- Students attending a school on a zone exemption.

Elementary School

www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/elementary.asp

All new and returning elementary school students must register on August 2, 3 or 4. Registration is held at each school. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before September 1, 2011.

Register on these dates:

August 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last names A-L)

August 3 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last names M-Z)

August 3 6–8 p.m. (last names A-Z)

August 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (make-up, A-Z)

Students who are not registered will not be placed on a class list prior to the first day of school.

Due to road construction Huffman Elementary School will hold its registration at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Middle School

www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/middle.asp

Parents of new-to-district middle school students and in-district transfers should contact their school to schedule an appointment with the registrar. Schedules not picked up on the assigned day will be dropped from the computer at the end of the day and students will have to reschedule.

Register on these dates:

All locations will be closed from 11 a.m. – noon for lunch.

August 2 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8th grade

August 3 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 7th grade

August 3 4–7 p.m. grades 6–8

August 4 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 6th grade (Begich, Clark & Mirror Lake); 7th & 8th grades make-up

High School

www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/high.asp

New-to-district high school students and in-district transfers should call the school to schedule an appointment. Students may pick up their schedules on their registration date listed below. Students must clear all fines/charges from the 2009-10 school year before they can activate their class schedule. Schedules not picked up on the assigned day will be dropped from the computer at the end of the day and students will have to reschedule.

Alphabetical rotation for each day:

Last name M-Z . . . 8–11 a.m. Last name A-L . . . 12–3 p.m.

August 1 Seniors August 3 Sophomores

August 2 Juniors August 4 Freshmen

Registration dates and times vary for alternative and charter schools such as AVAIL, Benson, Family Partnership, Frontier, Highland Tech and Steller. For a schedule, please contact the school directly or log on to www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool.

Back-to-school supplies

www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/supplies.asp

A backpack, pencils, pens and a clean pair of athletic shoes (no black or blue soles) for physical education class are recommended for students of all ages. A general elementary school supply list is available online or at school registration.

Free school supplies and coats are available to ASD students in need through the HUGSS and Coats for Kids community partnership. HUGSS distribution dates are August 8-9 at Clark Middle School. More information on distribution times is available at registration, by calling 644-8477 or on the district's website in the back-to-school section.

Student athletes and concussions

www.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/Concussion_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Beginning this year, all student athletes must undergo a screening assessment as part of a concussion safety program. The program provides training for coaches, nurses and athletes about the nature and risk of concussions. It also provides assessment and evaluation of each student athlete both pre-season and at the time of an injury.

All students who participate in ASD sports must obtain an ImPACT baseline screening once in middle school and once in high school. The video game-style exam takes about 20 minutes to complete and tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed and concentration. The cost of the baseline test is \$5. By state law, if a student athlete is suspected of having a concussion, the athlete will be removed from activity immediately and cannot return to play until released by a qualified individual trained in concussion management. Please contact your school's activities office for more information.



I began my career in the Anchorage School District 37 years ago as a noon duty attendant and teacher aide at Ocean View Elementary School. I have had the privilege and honor to serve in various positions since that time. Throughout those years, I've been a passionate advocate for the district and public education in our community, the state and in our country.

But when the school bell rings on August 16, it will be the beginning of the end of my career at ASD. This will be my last year as your superintendent; I will retire on June 30, 2012. My husband retired a few years ago and we are both in good health, so this is a good time to plan for our transition to the next stage of our lives. We are eager to travel more and to spend important time with our family members. But before we begin that journey, I still have much work to do.

I have been honored to serve as ASD superintendent since the 2000-01 school year, and I am very proud of the substantial progress we have made in the past 11 years. Our employees are committed to our district and to our students, and although we have had many difficult issues to contend with, we've had a great deal of support. I want to thank all the parents, students, military partners, businesses, elected officials and so many others in our community that have supported me over the years. I have valued your input and suggestions as the face of education, and our community, has changed.

The Anchorage School Board is developing a process to find my successor. I am confident the next superintendent will enter into a position that leads a district filled with excellent schools, outstanding employees and students who are eager to learn.

With a full year left for me to serve the ASD, I am committed to moving the board's reform initiatives forward, while at the same time ensuring that we continue many valued practices and programs that have been established over the years.

Together, with my staff and the continued support of our community, we can ensure all our students are achieving their full potential. Please join us this year as we celebrate the many successes of our students and staff each and every day.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau

Carol Comeau
Anchorage School District Superintendent



As the Anchorage School Board president, I look forward to the start of school with a new vision. Over the summer, the board has been finalizing our core beliefs and commitments as the foundation of having a high performing district. Our core beliefs are the following.

Potential: Every student deserves the opportunity to achieve his or her potential.

High Expectations: The district will foster a culture of high expectations.

Accountability: The district will be open, transparent and accountable to the public.

Safety: All schools and departments will be safe and supportive.

Responsiveness: Public education should be responsive to an every-changing world.

Based on these core beliefs, the board is committed to the following.

- A collaborative and respectful governance relationship with the superintendent.
- A rigorous core curriculum of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.
- A well-rounded educational program that integrates career and technical education, arts and athletics.
- Instruction and early intervention that meets the needs of each student and moves them forward at least one academic level each year.
- Effective public school choice options.
- Parents and the community as informed partners.
- Cost-effective and efficient operations.

With these core beliefs and commitments in mind, we have set forward multi-year strategic initiatives and annual operational objectives. I encourage you to learn more about the board's plans and provide us feedback through www.asdk12.org/school_board/.

On the top of our list our objectives for this year, of course, is selecting a new superintendent. Carol has shown her professionalism and care for the district in providing us a year's notice to find her replacement. We are committed to finding the best fit for our district and community: someone who will drive both educational and operational improvements and success.

As we prepare for the start of a new school year, I hope you will join us as we set our sights on a high-achieving direction.

Gretchen Guess

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Anchorage School Board President

Registration for limited-English-proficient students, grades 7–12

The English Language Learner Program will conduct assessments for placement of 7-12 grade students who are new to the district and have limited English proficiency.

Assessments will be held August 2–5, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Bilingual Newcomers' Center, Wendler Middle School, 2905 Lake Otis Parkway. For more information call the English Language Learner Office, 742-4452.

이중언어교육 프로그램과는 7 - 12 학년 학생으로 새로이 교육청에 입학 하는 학생으로 영어가 비능숙한 학생들에게 영어 배치를 위해 영어 수준 시험을 실시 합니다.

이 시험 기간은 8월 6일 - 9일 시간은 오전 8:30분에서 오후 3시이며 장소는 Wendler Middle School 내에 있는 Newcomers' Center, 주소는 2905 Lake Otis Parkway. 입니다.

추가 문의는 이중언어 사무실 전화 742-4452 로 하시면 됩니다.

Koom Haum Qhia Lus As Kiv log yog English Language Learner Program, yuav muaj kej soj ntsuam cov me nyuam uas tuaj kawm tshiab rau lub district rau qib 7-12 uas paub lus As Kiv tsis tshua tau zoo.

Kev soj ntsuam yuav muaj rau 8 Hli ntuj hnub tim 2-5, thaum 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. nyob rau qhov chaw Bilingual Newcomers' Center, Wendler Middle School, 2905 Lake Otis Parkway. Yog xav paub ntxiv, hu rau Koom Haum Qhia Lus As Kis chaw ua hauj lwm, 742-4452.

Mo Alo ma Fanau e Faaelava le Gagana Faa-peretania

Resitalaina mo tamaiti a'oga e fa'alelava le gagana Faa-Peretania, vasega 7 e o'o i le 12

O le a fa'ataunu'uina e tagata faigaluega mai le Polokalame o le A'oa'oina o le Gagana Fa'a-Peretania, (English Language Learner program), ni su'esu'ega mo alo ma fanau e fou mai i leinei itumalo ia Aukuso 2-5.

O le a amataina nei su'esu'ega mai le 8:30 taeao - 3:00 aoauli i le potu ua ta'ua o le Bilingual Newcomers' Center, i le tuatusi o le Wendler Middle School, 2905 Lake Otis Parkway. A i ai ni fesili i lea fuafuaga, ia fa'afeso'ota'i le ofisa o Polokalame o le A'oa'oina o le Gagana Fa'a-Peretania (English Language Learner Program), i le 742-4452.

Matrícula de estudiantes con limitaciones en el idioma inglés, 7-12 grado.

El Programa de Aprendizaje de Ingles evaluará a los estudiantes nuevos al Distrito Escolar que tengan limitaciones con el inglés, en agosto 2-5, con el propósito de ubicarlos apropiadamente. Las evaluaciones se llevaran a cabo de 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. en el Bilingual Newcomers' Center, Wendler Middle School, 2905 Lake Otis Parkway.

Para mayor información llamar a la El Programa de Aprendizaje de Ingles, 742-4452.

Pagpapatala ng mga mag-aaral na hindi gaanong bihasa sa wikang English, ika 7-12 baitang.

Ang para sa mga Nag-aaral ng Ingles ay magsasagawa ng pagsusuri sa mga mag-aaral na bahuhan sa Pampaaralang Distrito ng Anchorage na hindi pa gaanong bihasa sa wikang English. Ito ay upang mailagay ang bawat mag-aaral sa klase ayon sa kanilang kakayahan sa nasabing wika. Ang pagsusuri ay gagawin sa Sentrong Pambaguhang Bilingual Newcomers' Center na nasa Wendler Middle School, 2905 Lake Otis Parkway, 8:30 n.g.- 3 n.h., Agosto 2–5.

Para sa dagdag na katanungan, tumawag sa para sa mga Nag-aaral ng Ingles 742-4452.

For more information

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MECAC: The mission of the Multicultural Education Concerns Advisory Committee (MECAC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECAC meets monthly from May-August. For more information, call 742-4321.



Anchorage School District



New-to-district students

To complete registration, new-to-district students will need:

- Current official record of immunization for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus—also known as D-P-T—and polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B and varicella on or before the first day of school.
- All children attending a preschool are required to register and be immunized against Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and varicella or have a history of varicella disease (chicken pox). Students will be allowed to select courses but will not be allowed to attend classes until the immunization record is on file in the school. Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) boosters must be current (within the last 10 years).
- Birth certificate for kindergarten and first-grade students.
- Kindergarten students need to present a physical examination statement completed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or state authorized advanced nurse practitioner within 12 months prior to entry into kindergarten or within 90 days after entry into kindergarten.
- All students transferring into the district will receive a health screening by a school nurse within 90 days to meet the physical examination requirement.

Yuav kom ntaub ntawv tso npe kawm ntawv tiav, cov me nyuam tuaj kawm tshiab rau lub district yuav tsum muaj:

- Daim ntawv txhaj tshauj qhia txog diphtheria, pertussis thiab tetanus-ua kuj yog D-P-T-thiab polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, thiab varicella ua qhia tau tias twb txhaj rau 8 Hli tim 19 log yog ua ntej lawm.
- Txhua tus me nyuam uas yuav kawm preschool yuav tsum tau tso npe thiab muaj kev txhaj tshauj tiv txiv Haemophilus influenzae hom b (Hib) thiab varicella los yog twb tau muaj hom mob varicella (chicken pox) lawm. Cov me nyuam kuj yuav xaiv tau cov hoob uas yuav kawm tiam sis yuav tsis tau kawm ntawv txog thaum peb tau txais daim ntawv txhaj tshauj rau hauv tsev kawm ntawv. Koob tshauj Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) boosters (yuav tsum yog nyuam qhuav txhaj nyob rau 10 xyoo dhau los).
- Daim ntawv yug rau cov kawm qib kindergarten thiab qib ib.
- Cov me nyuam kawm qib kindergarten yuav tsum tau daim ntawv kuaj ib ce los ntawm kws khob mob, tus pab kws khob mob, los yog ib tug neeg muaj cai kuaj me nyuam los tom state tuaj, daim ntawv kuaj ib ce yuav tsis pub tshaj 12 lub hlis dhau los, los yog 90 hnuab tom qab nkag kawm rau kindergarten.
- Cov me nyuam uas paav los kawm rau lus district teb ntaub ntawv yuav raug tus nurse saib xyuas seb puas tau muaj kev kuaj ib ce li qhov yuav tsum kuaj, li ntawm 90 hnuab.

- **표육구로 새로운 학생들은 등록을 위해 다음 사항이 필요합니다:**
- **학교 첫 등록일이나 그 이전에 디프테리아, 백일해, 파상풍 (디피티 (DPT)라고도 불림), 폴리오 (소아마비), 홍역, 이차결핵, 풍진, A형과 B형 간염, 그리고 수두의 현재 면역자료를 받은 기록부서. 프리드먼에 제막하는 모든 학생들은 헤모필루스 인플루엔자 타입 b (Hib)와 수두에 대해 등록하고 이에 면역자료를 받아야 하고 모든 수두병 (치킨박스, 파손마) 병백 기록이 있어야 합니다. 학생들은 학교에 면역 기록을 제출하기 전에는 제막할 수 있으나 포스터에서 강습을 받을 수는 있습니다. 파상풍 디프테리아 (Td) 효능 측면에 (부스터)는 반드시 현재 효능이 있는 것이어야 합니다 (지난 10년 사이).**

- **유치원 (킨더가든)과 일학년 학생들은 출생 증명서 필요.**
- **유치원 학생들은 승인받은 의사, 의사 보조원, 또는 주정부가 승인한 표준 간호사에게 유치원 입학전 신체검사나 유치원 입학후 90일 이내에 실시한 신체검사 증명서를 제출해야 합니다.**
- **본 표육구로 전락오는 모든 학생들은 신체검사 필수사항을 충족하기 위해 90일내에 학교 간호원으로부터 건강 검진을 받게 될 것입니다.**

Mo Alo ma Fanau e Fou Mai i Lenei Itumalo

Ina ia mafai ona fa'amae'a le Lesitalaina, o tamaiti fou ile itumalo e mana'omia mea nei:

Aumai le pepa tui lata mai nei ole diphtheria, pertussis ma le tetanus—poo le isi igoa ole D-P-T—ma le polio, misela, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B ma le varicella, ile aso ole a'oga, pe e le'i oo atu fo'i i lena aso. O tamaiti a'oga fa'ata'itai (preschool) uma e mana'omia ona lesitala ma faia tui puipuia mai ile Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) ma le varicella poo iai se tala'aga ole mai'i varicella (fane susu). E mafai e tamaiti a'oga ona filifili a latou mataupu a'oga, ae e le faatagaina i vasega se'i vagana'u ua iai pepa tui ile faila ale a'oga. O tui Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) e tatau ona faia ise itaimi lata mai nei (poo totonu ole 10 tausaga faato'a mavae atu nei).

Pepa fanau a tamaiti kindergarten ma le vasega muamua.

E tatau fo'i i tamaiti a'oga ale Kindergarten ona iai se pepa e faailoa ai na faia a latou su'ega ole tino (physical examination) e se foma'i ua fa'alaisaina, poo se foma'i fesoasoani, poo se teine/tama foma'i (nurse) faamaonia ale malo, i totonu ole 12 masina ae e le'i ulu atu ile kindergarten, poo i totonu ole 90 aso talu ona a'oga ile kindergarten.

O tamaiti a'oga ua si'itia mai ile itumalo, ole a faia se latou su'ega ole soifua maloloina (health screening) e se foma'i ale a'oga, i totonu ole 90 aso, pe ua latou ausia mana'oga ole u'ega ole tino (physical examination).

- Estudiantes Recién Llegados al Distrito Escolar**
- Para completar el registro, los estudiantes nuevos en el distrito necesitarán:
- El registro oficial actual de inmunización por difteria, tos ferina, tétanos—también conocidos como D-P-T—y polio, sarampión, paperas, rubéola, hepatitis A, hepatitis B y varicela e o antes del primer día de escuela. Todos los niños que asistan a preschool requieren registrarse y estar inmunus contra la Haemophilus influenza tipo b (Hib) y varicela o tener un historial de varicela. Se le permitirá a los estudiantes seleccionar cursos pero no podrán asistir a clases hasta que el registro de inmunización esté en el archivo en la escuela. Los impulsores de tétanos- difteria (Td) deben estar al corriente (en los últimos 10 años).
 - Acta de Nacimiento para jardín de niños y estudiantes de primer grado.

- Los estudiantes de jardín de niños necesitan presentar una declaración de examinación física llenada por médico con licencia, asistente de medico, o practicante de enfermería avanzada autorizado por el estado antes de 12 meses de la entrada a jardín de niños o durante los 90 días posteriores a la entrada al jardín de niños.
- Todos los estudiantes que sean transferidos al distrito recibirán un monitoreo de salud por la enfermera de la escuela en los siguientes 90 días, para cumplir con los requerimientos de examinación física.

Mga Bagong Mag-aaral sa Purok ng Paaralang Anchorage (Anchorage School District)

Upang makompleto ang rehistrasyon, ang mga estudyanteng bago sa distrito ay mangangailangan ng:

- Bagong opisyal na rekord ng bakuna laban sa dipteryá, pertusis at tetano—na kilala rin sa tawag na D-P-T—at polyo, tigdas, biki, rubella (German measles), hepatitis A, hepatitis B at bulutong-tubig sa o bago ang unang araw sa paaralan. Ang lahat ng batang papasok sa preschool ay kinakailangang magpaheristro at mabakunahan laban sa Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) at bulutong-tubig o may kasaysayan ng sakit na bulutong-tubig (chicken pox). Ang mga estudyante ay papahintulatang pumili ng mga kurso ngunit hindi papahintulatang dumalo sa mga klase hanggang ang rekord ng bakuna ay nakasalansan sa paaralan. Ang mga bakunang pampanatili ng lakas ng katawan laban sa Tetano-dipteryá (Td) ay kailangang bago (sa loob ng huling 10 taon).
- Sertipiko ng Kapanangalan para sa kindergarten at mga estudyante sa unang baitang.
- Ang mga estudyante sa kindergarten ay kailangang magpakita ng deklarasyon ng pisikal na iksaminasyon na kinumpleto ng isang lisenyadong doktor, assistant ng doktor, o profesyonal na nars na awtorisado ng estado sa loob ng 12 buwan bago ang pagpasok sa kindergarten o sa loob ng 90 araw pagkatapos pumasok sa kindergarten.
- Lahat ng estudyanteng lilipat papunta sa distrito ay tatanggap ng pagsusuri sa kalusugan na isasagawa ng nars ng paaralan sa loob ng 90 araw, upang matugunan ang rekisito sa pisikal na iksaminasyon.

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- Ang mga estudyante sa kindergarten ay kailangang magpakita ng deklarasyon ng pisikal na iksaminasyon na kinumpleto ng isang lisenyadong doktor, assistant ng doktor, o profesyonal na nars na awtorisado ng estado sa loob ng 12 buwan bago ang pagpasok sa kindergarten o sa loob ng 90 araw pagkatapos pumasok sa kindergarten.
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Immunizations

Parents must take official shot records to school registration for new-to-district students and to update school health records if new shots were given during the summer. Immunization exemptions may be granted for medical or religious reasons.

The number of vaccine doses for each required immunization varies depending upon a child's age, grade and prior vaccination history. Please take your child's shot records with you to determine if vaccination is needed. Childhood vaccines are available at physician offices, clinics and public health centers throughout the community. Immunizations are available at the following locations at no cost.

- Department of Health and Human Services Municipality of Anchorage, General Clinic.** 343-4799
- Alaska Regional Hospital, Medical Plaza.** 264-1105
- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center** 257-4686 *By appointment only.*
- Alaska Native Medical Center** 729-1000 *By appointment only.*
- Providence Alaska Medical Center** 212-4824
- Allergy/Immunization Center, JBER.** 580-5812

Busing

District students who live more than 1.5 miles from their school, or who live along routes designated as hazardous for walking, are eligible to ride a school bus. Students who live less than 1.5 miles from school walk or arrange alternate transportation.

Bus schedules for the current school year will be available at all schools during registration and will be posted on the Anchorage School District website: www.asdk12.org. For more information, contact the Transportation office, 742-1200.

Graduation requirements

Subject	Credits required
Language Arts	4 credits (8 semesters)
Social Studies	4 credits (8 semesters)
Mathematics	2½ credits (5 semesters)
Sciences	3 credits (6 semesters)
PE/Health	1½ credits (3 semesters)
Electives	7½ credits (15 semesters)
Total	22½ credits

All students must pass the Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exams (reading, writing and math) and fulfill ASD graduation requirements prior to receiving a diploma.

Student fees

Non-resident Tuition

By state law, all non-resident students attending schools in this district shall pay, in advance, the regular school tuition rate (AS 9.030). This law pertains to students whose parents are not residents of the Municipality of Anchorage and who are not in the custody of a district resident (ASD Policy Section 431.21).

For more information about non-resident tuition, please contact the school principal.

Student Parking

Students driving to school and parking on school grounds must register with the school office to obtain a parking permit. Vehicles

parked on school grounds without parking permits are subject to fines and may be towed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle. The cost of the permit is \$55 per semester. Permits will be available at registration.

Neighborhood schools

The neighborhood schools in Anchorage offer a top quality and well-rounded standard school education program. More than 90 percent of Anchorage School District students enjoy the comprehensive curriculum in the neighborhood schools. The district's curriculum emphasizes the basic communication skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students are schooled in mathematics, how to use a library and how to use and understand technology as a tool for learning and working. The standard program also includes social studies, health, science, physical education, art and music. Remedial and advanced classes are available in a variety of subjects.

For more information about an individual school, call the school principal.

Open enrollment policy

The Anchorage School District will continue with the limited open enrollment policy for students who wish to attend a school or program outside their regular attendance area. Gender and grade balances will be considered. No zone exemptions will be given for schools that have changed boundaries during the first year new boundaries are in effect.

- Application Procedures**
- Complete an Attendance Zone Exception Application available from any school principal.
 - If applicants outnumber openings, a lottery determines a waiting list from which students enter the program when space becomes available. Two lotteries are held annually, if needed. The next lottery will take place in March. For more information, please call 742-4321.

Part-time Students

Students enrolled in correspondence, private or home school who wish to enroll part-time (three classes or less) should contact district schools for an application form and register at the same time as district students.

Alternatives and specialized programs

In addition to the standard school program, the district offers many alternative schools and programs. Other programs such as English Language Learners, Gifted and Special Education, for which students are referred by teachers and other staff based on student assessment, are also available.

AVAIL

Alternative Vocational Academic Institute of Learning (AVAIL) is an alternative program for students who have dropped out of high school. This program emphasizes development of self-esteem, pre-employment skills and remedial academic education. Call 742-4930 for more information.

Benson Secondary School/SEARCH

Benson Secondary School is for middle and high school students who have not experienced success in the standard school setting. Benson has a strict discipline policy and firm requirements for regular attendance, good behavior and consistent academic performance. Individual learning concerns are taken into account. Students in grades 10-12 attend school half of the day and are required to have a part-time job or attend a vocational class at the King Career Center for the other half of the day. For more information, call 742-2050.

Central Middle School of Science

This school houses an alternative program with a math/science emphasis. Call 742-5100 for more information.

Charter Schools

Charter schools are non-sectarian, public schools that operate within the district under contract with the school board. Any person, group or organization may apply to the school board to operate a charter school. Charter schools offer alternative teaching methods or curriculum and more independence than regular public schools, and set their own calendars.

Alaska Native Cultural (K-7) 742-1370

Aquarian (K-6) 742-4900

Eagle Academy (K-6) 742-3025

Family Partnership (K-12 home-school program) . . 742-3700

Frontier (K-12 home-school program) 742-1180

Highland Tech (6-12) 742-1700

Rilke Schule (K-8) 742-7455

Winterberry (K-8) 742-4980

Continuation School

Continuation School is an individualized, computer-based instructional program for middle and high school students expelled from the Anchorage School District for violations of school policy. The program provides students with core academic instruction designed to meet the requirements for promotion to the next grade level and progress toward graduation. The program allows a student to continue to receive academic instruction while he or she is completing requirements for reinstatement into the school district. For more information, call 742-1170.

Crossroads School

Crossroads provides a supportive instructional environment which allows students to continue their education while pregnant and parenting. A complete program of instruction is provided with an emphasis on core academics. Maternity health is offered and community support contacts are available for students. The staff

at Crossroads is committed to providing quality instruction in an environment that fosters regular school attendance and student responsibility for learning. For more information, call 742-2424.

Elementary Basic Schools (ABC)

Anchorage Basic Curriculum schools' characteristics include self-contained classrooms, structured curriculum, character development, firm and consistent discipline, and regular homework.

Schools with this option include:

Birchwood ABC Elementary School (K-6) 742-3450

Northern Lights ABC Elementary School (K-8) . . . 742-7500

Northwood ABC Elementary School (K-6) 742-6800

Gifted

Options are available for identified gifted elementary and secondary students. For more information, contact the Gifted Program, 742-3794.

Japanese Partial Immersion Program

Sand Lake Elementary School 243-2161

Students in grades K-6 are immersed in Japanese for half of their school day; they learn Japanese culture and are taught math, science, social studies and health in Japanese. Students who are native speakers or who are continuing from Sand Lake to Mears Middle School and Dimond High School continue in the immersion program through the 12th grade. Sand Lake also houses a K-6 neighborhood program.

Mears Middle School 742-6400

Dimond High School 742-7000

Mandarin Chinese

Scenic Park Elementary students participate in the Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) program. They receive bi-weekly lessons in Mandarin Chinese language and culture with a native speaker teacher. For more information, call 742-1650.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center (KCC)

KCC offers high school students in grades 10-12 vocational/technical training in 26 occupations. Further information is available by calling KCC at 742-8900.

Montessori Program

At Denali Montessori School, students in grades K-6 learn in an open classroom stressing individualized self-directed learning in a specially prepared environment. For more information, call 742-4500.

Multi-Sensory Instruction

Multi-Sensory Instruction (MSI) is designed for students who struggle in reading, writing and/or spelling. Students learn the process and rules needed to spell, and to read and write words. Baxter Elementary School houses a lottery program. For more information, call the MSI office 742-4879 or Baxter Elementary, 742-1750.

Online courses

MyHigh is an online program providing high school students opportunities to earn credit through online course work. Online coursework provides flexibility in learning, meets the needs of individual learning styles, and fits non-traditional schedules. MyHigh courses provide new options to students and families for scheduling, paced learning, course and curriculum access, and the increasing use of technology as a tool. For more information, call 742-6039.

Open Optional Schools

Open optional school characteristics include open, flexible space classrooms, continuous progress grading, interdisciplinary curriculum with emphasis on student need and interest, individualized learning, flexible schedules, and self-discipline.

Schools that house optional programs are:

Bowman Elementary School (K-6) 742-5600

Chinook Elementary School (1-6) 742-6700

Chugach Optional Elementary School (K-6) 742-3730

Eagle River Elementary School (K-6) 742-3000

Polaris K-12 School 742-8700

Sustina Elementary School (K-6) 742-1400

Steller Secondary School (7-12) 742-4950

Polaris K-12 School

Polaris is an education program that emphasizes self-directed learning and interdisciplinary curricula for grades K-12.

Russian Partial Immersion Program

Students in grades K-6 are immersed in Russian for half of their school day; they learn Russian culture and are taught science and social studies in Russian, language arts and math are taught in English. Students become functionally proficient in speaking, reading and writing both English and Russian. Russian-speaking students are also encouraged to enroll in the program. Call Turnagain Elementary School, 742-7200.

SAVE High School

Specialized Academic Vocational Education High School is designed for students who have fallen behind in credits by one or more semesters. Students who are in grades 11-12 and are at least 16 years old are eligible for SAVE. This is a work/study program that combines work experience and regular high school academic requirements for completion of a high school diploma. Students go to three classes each day; the other half of their educational day is spent gaining on-the-job work experience or in a King Career Center vocational class. For more information, call 742-1250.

Schools-Within-A-School

Bartlett High School, Humanities Interdisciplinary Program 742-1820

Chugiak High School, World Discovery Seminar . . 742-3050

East High School, Elitmaurvik-Within-East 742-2172

East High School, School-Within-a-School 742-2172

Service High School, The Seminar School 742-8100

West High School, International Baccalaureate . . . 742-2500

West High School, Through the Arts 742-2500

Spanish Partial Immersion Program

Students in grades K-5 are immersed in Spanish half of the school day. Math, social studies, science and health are taught in Spanish. Students who are native speakers or who are continuing

from Chugiak Elementary to Mirror Lake Middle and Chugiak High receive some content area instruction in Spanish.

Chugiak Elementary School 742-3400

Mirror Lake Middle School 742-3500

Chugiak High School 742-3050

Students in grades K-6 may enroll in a two-way bilingual/Spanish immersion program. In the two-way model, 50 percent of the students in each classroom are native Spanish speakers and the other 50 percent are English speakers desiring to learn Spanish. Students who are native speakers or who are continuing on from Government Hill Elementary to Romig Middle and West High can continue in the Spanish immersion program.

Government Hill Elementary School 742-5000

Romig Middle School 742-5200

West High School 742-2500

Steller Secondary School

Steller is an individualized, self-paced education program for students in grades 7–12. Call 742-4950 for more information.

Release of student information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act allows the district to publicly release “directory information” about students that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes: student name, address, phone numbers, email address, year of birth, dates of attendance, grade level, degrees and awards received, date of graduation, name of secondary school most recently attended, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and height and weight of members of interscholastic athletic teams.

Examples of publications include the annual yearbook, honor roll, graduation programs, a drama club playbill and sports activity sheets.

School officials may release directory information about a student without first obtaining parental consent, unless parents decline by completing a Release of Student Directory Information form, which is available at each school.

In a few instances, the district is required by law to release certain contact information regarding high school students, unless parents decline. First, the district is required to provide to the University of Alaska the names and addresses of those students eligible for UA scholarship programs. Second, the district is required to provide student eligibility information to the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy (ACYA), a program for students who have dropped out of school. Third, upon receiving a request from military recruiters and/or institutions of higher learning, the district must provide students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers.

Parents who decline the release of their students' telephone numbers and directory information to military recruiters, UA and/or ACYA should complete a Release of Student Directory Information form.

Activities

Fees

The middle school activity fee is \$100 per sport. The high school fee ranges from \$175-\$195 per sport. A family cap will be implemented once the students in a family have paid \$390 to participate in any combination of middle and high school activities. Beginning in 2011-12, all student athletes must undergo amandatory concussions screening once in middle school and once in high school. The cost is \$5 per exam.

Middle School

Middle school students may participate in interscholastic and intramural athletics and a variety of academic and recreational activities. Students who would like to participate in interscholastic and intramural sports must:

- be enrolled as a full-time student in the Anchorage School District (4 or more classes),
- have an Activity Participation form signed by a parent/guardian for each sport,
- have a current sports physical on file with the school; this exam is good for one year from date of issue, and
- have a completed concussion screening on file.

In addition students who participate in interscholastic sports must pay the \$100 participation fee per sport, be eligible for a sports fee waiver, or meet the family cap for middle school and high school sports fees.

In order to practice or play in a game, a student must be in attendance at school a minimum of one-half day, except for extenuating circumstances (such as a school field trip) approved by an administrator.

2011–12 Middle School Interscholastic Fall Sports Schedule

Cross-Country Running August 16–October 6

Volleyball (girls) October 19–December 6

For more information call Middle School Education at 742-4249 or your middle school.

High School

To be eligible to participate in Alaska School Activities Association sanctioned activities, a student must:

- pay the \$175–\$195 activity fee per sport, based on a sliding scale, or apply for a fee waiver based on hardship through the school activity office, or meet the family cap for middle or high school activity fees,
- be enrolled in the ASD for five or more courses during the grading period the activities are offered,
- have passed five or more courses during the grading period immediately prior to the activities,
- earn a 2.0 GPA during the previous grading period,
- meet the ASAA semester credit rules and transfer of eligibility rules, and
- have a completed concussion screening on file.

Students who want to participate in athletics, cheerleading or other strenuous activities must have a physical examination form on file at the school. This exam is good for one year but must not expire during the season of the sport in which the student is participating. Specific activities may have additional requirements.

For additional information, please call your school or high school education, 742-4250, or visit the ASD website: www.asdk12.org.

2011–12 High School Fall Sports Schedule

Football August 1–October 1

Football Cheerleading August 1–October 15

Cross-Country Running August 1–September 24

Tennis August 1–October 1

Girls Flag Football August 1–October 15

Girls Gymnastics August 8–November 5

Swim/Dive August 8–October 29

Girls Volleyball September 26–December 3

Rifle September 12–December 10

Wrestling October 31–February 4

For more information, visit www.asdk12.org/activities or your school's Activities Office.

Special notes

- Free school supplies and coats are available to families in need through HUGSS and Coats for Kids. Call 644-8477.
- Preschool students need to register and will follow the kindergarten start-up schedule.

Anchorage Youth Court

Anchorage Youth Court provides “justice for youth by youth.” Trained middle and high school students from Anchorage and Chugiak/Eagle River strive to stop illegal behavior and encourage understanding and respect for the law using positive peer pressure in a formal, youth-led court setting. Registration for all area middle and high school students and their parents will be August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilda Marston Theater, 3600 Denali St. For more information, call 274-5986.

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Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the District's Equal Employment Opportunity Director, who also serves as the Title IX Coordinator, ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4132 or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services.

Back to School



Student Nutrition

The Anchorage School District provides free and reduced-price meals for elementary, middle and high school students. Under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, the household size and income criteria listed below are used to determine eligibility for the 2011-12 school year. The income guidelines are the same as for the 2010-11 school year.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART—REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1.	\$25,160	\$2,097	\$484
2.	\$34,003	\$2,834	\$654
3.	\$42,846	\$3,571	\$824
4.	\$51,689	\$4,308	\$995
5.	\$60,532	\$5,045	\$1,165
6.	\$69,375	\$5,782	\$1,335
7.	\$78,218	\$6,519	\$1,505
8.	\$87,061	\$7,256	\$1,675

for each additional family member, add:

\$8,843	\$737	\$341
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FEDERAL INCOME CHART—FREE MEALS

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1.	\$17,680	\$1,474	\$340
2.	\$23,894	\$1,992	\$460
3.	\$30,108	\$2,509	\$579
4.	\$36,322	\$3,027	\$699
5.	\$42,536	\$3,545	\$818
6.	\$48,750	\$4,063	\$938
7.	\$54,964	\$4,581	\$1,057
8.	\$61,178	\$5,099	\$1,177

for each additional family member:

\$6,214	\$518	\$120
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You may discuss your application status informally or formally by calling or writing: Director of Student Nutrition, 1307 Labar Street, Anchorage, AK 99519-3516. Phone: 348-5142.

Breakfast program

Breakfast is available for \$1.80 at the following schools. **Elementary:** Abbott Loop, Airport Heights, Alaska Native Cultural Charter, Baxter, Bowman, Campbell, Chester Valley, Chinook, Chugiak, College Gate, Creekside Park, Denali Montessori, Eagle River, Fairview, Gladys Wood, Government Hill, Kasuun, Klatt, Lake Hood, Lake Otis, Mountain View, Mt. Iliamna, Muldoon, North Star, Northern Lights ABC, Northwood ABC, Nunaka Valley, Ptarmigan, Rogers Park, Russian Jack, Sand Lake, Scenic Park, Susitna, Taku, Tudor, Tyson, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Whaley, Williwaw, Willow Crest and Wonder Park. **Middle:** Begich, Central, Clark, Gruening, Hanshaw, Romig and Wendler.

Breakfast is available for \$2.25 at all eight comprehensive high schools.

Free and reduced-price meals for students

Who is eligible

Children from households whose size and income is at or below the criteria are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals for this school year. Income plus Permanent Fund Dividend information will be totaled and annualized.

A household or family is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit.

Children who are members of households that are approved for Food Stamps, Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (SNAP, ATAP) or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible for free meals. Foster children may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the household income where they reside. Regardless of eligibility status, the district must have an application on file for each child.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted annually

If your child participated in the free and reduced-price meal program last year, there is a 30-school-day carryover period this school year. Eligibility will end unless you submit a new application for the current school year. To avoid confusion and disruption of a student's benefits, please apply early. Processing time is 10 working days. Students who attend a Provision School, where all students are fed free, do not need applications.

Applications will be available at each school during registration. They are also available at the ASD Education Center, the Student Nutrition Department and online at www.asdk12.org/menus/frp.asp. Online applications are also available in Spanish, Samoan, Hmong, Tagalog and Korean. Instructions for applying are on the back of the application. Additional information is available on separate question/answer sheet at schools or online. Please submit one application per family. Parents must be responsible for their child's meals until notified by letter, which is sent to the address of registration.

Applications must be complete to be eligible for processing. Incomplete applications will be returned. Information on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and use in Title I grants. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year.

Lunch prices

Elementary: \$3.15; middle school: \$3.55; high school: \$4.00. **Reduced-price breakfast:** 30¢; **Reduced-price lunch:** 40¢; **milk:** 50¢.

Special message for Food Stamp, migrant applicants

Student Nutrition automatically receives data for households who normally receive assistance from SNAP, ATAP or TANF through the Department of Public Assistance. Student Nutrition will send letters advising households of their child's status. Any eligible household not advised through the electronic import process, and which has written certification from Public Assistance, may submit a meal application or use a regular application listing the case number. Data is also received from ASD's Migrant Education Department; Student Nutrition will notify families of their status.

Transferring schools

Some district schools may be designated Provision Schools, which allows the schools to feed all students free without applications. However, if a student transfers within this district to a regular, non-Provision School, the student must have an application on file with ASD if he or she wants to continue to participate in the free and reduced-price meal program. *It is not necessary to complete a new application when transferring between regular district schools that are not classified as Provision Schools.*

Schools where students are automatically fed free are: Alaska Native Cultural Charter, Clark MS, Fairview, Mt. Iliamna, Mountain View, Muldoon, North Star, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, Whaley, Tyson, Williwaw, Willow Crest and Wonder Park.

Reapplication

Families may apply for student benefits anytime during the school year. If a child is not eligible now, but has a change, such as decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or begins to receive Food Stamps or Alaska Temporary Assistance, please submit a new application.

Other benefits

ASD Child In Transition—assistance for children who are homeless or living in transitional housing, 742-3833. Denali KidCare—free health insurance for eligible children, 269-6529 or 1-888-318-8890. WIC (Women, Infants and Children)—nutritious foods for eligible people, 257-4633.

Special Education Services

Contact information

The Special Education Department employs specialists, administrators and teachers with specialized expertise, certification and/or license to design, implement and supervise special education services of the district. The STEP Center provides a variety of services, information and training for parents and teachers of special education students. For more information regarding special education services, please contact one of the following:

STEP Center 742-3872

Preschool and Elementary Special Education

Doug Gray, Director 742-3895

Middle and High School Special Education and Special School Programs

Linda Griffith, Director 742-3888

Related Services (Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Audiology, Speech Therapy, Adaptive P.E., Blind/Visually Impaired Services, Hard of Hearing Services, Assistive Technology)

Diane Poage, Director

Cindy Higgins, Supervisor 742-6050

Special Education Administration Office

Cindy Anderson, Executive Director 742-4236

Educational needs of children with disabilities

Special education means the specifically designed instruction, at no cost to the parents, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. Specially designed instruction means adapting content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to address the unique needs of the child and to ensure access of the child to the general curriculum. Special education is a service, not a place.

Eligibility for Special Education services

Two federal laws protect children with disabilities, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (IDEA) of 1973. Children experiencing disabilities are guaranteed a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under IDEA and Alaska State Regulations. Under IDEA, a child with a disability is one who has a physical or mental disability as defined in one of 14 eligibility categories, the disability adversely affects the educational performance of the child, and because of the disability the child is in need of special education and related services. The areas of eligibility are autism, deafness, deaf blindness, early childhood developmental delay, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, specific learning disability, cognitive impairment, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and visual impairment. Section 504 defines disabled as "any person who has a physical or mental disability which substantially limits a major life activity or has a record of such a disability or is regarded as having such a disability." For information about whether your child may qualify for services under IDEA or Section 504, contact an administrator at your child's school.

Rights of children with disabilities

IDEA provides for a Free Appropriate Public Education to all children experiencing disabilities in the least restrictive environment. This means services without charge to the parent, in conformity with an appropriately developed Individualized Education Program (IEP), provided at public expense under public supervision, and which meet the education standards and administrative policies and procedures of the state education agency. IDEA requires school districts to provide parents with opportunities to become involved in their child's educational program and to document that involvement. These rights place responsibility on the parent to become actively involved. Rights to which parents are entitled under IDEA are referred to as procedural safeguards. A copy of the procedural safe-

guards is available at any school or through the ASD website at www.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/procedural_safeguards.pdf.

Services available to children with disabilities

The Anchorage School District provides comprehensive educational services through the Special Education Department to all children who experience disabilities and have additional needs beyond those which can generally be met by the regular classroom program. Special education services are provided in all ASD schools, including alternative schools, optional schools, charter schools and special school programs. Services are designed by an IEP team to be provided in the least restrictive environment, including the parent as a contributing member. IDEA requires that a continuum of special education placements is available, which includes support in the regular classroom supervised by special education personnel, direct service by special education personnel in the regular classroom, pull-out time from the regular classroom with service from special education personnel, self-contained special education classrooms, special schools, home or hospital instruction, or instruction in an institution. Since all components of the continuum cannot be provided in every neighborhood school, the IEP teams make every effort to provide the appropriate services for a student in a setting as close to his/her normal classroom as possible. In addition to providing the necessary special education services, the IEP team may determine a need for related services. Related services may include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling, specialized nursing services, audiology services and transportation.

Confidentiality protections

The district maintains the confidentiality of information relating to students with disabilities. The district must obtain written consent before disclosing personally identifiable information to any person other than a school employee who has a legitimate educational interest, employees of the school in which the child is enrolled, or a representative of the United States Department of Education or the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

ASD Online — www.asdk12.org

Stay in touch

Staying up-to-date with district news, events and stories has never been easier. In addition to the website, which has a wealth of information, there are several other ways parents and the community can keep in touch with the district. Instead of seeking out information, the news can now come to you:

Twitter – Follow ASD_Info or ASD_Closures

Facebook – Find ASD at Facebook.com/AnchorageSchoolDistrict

ASD Connect – Sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter at www.asdk12.org/newsletters

Email lists – Our "traditional" email subscription lists are also still available for closures, news and board announcements.

Time to realign and redesign

Visitors to the district's website will notice big changes later this year in the form of a whole new, redesigned website. We've listened to feedback from parents, students, employees and the community to update both how the site looks and how it's organized. The homepage will be simplified, navigation streamlined and visitors will have portal pages with relevant links to the most commonly used information and tools.

After more than 10 years, it was clearly time to refresh the look of the site, but it also needed some work under the hood. Along with the redesign, a new Web Content Management System is being implemented, which means new functionality for the site and ease of use for those maintaining the Web pages. The system will help ensure that content is kept current and visitors can easily navigate the site.

The new site won't be ready for back-to-school time but we're working hard to have it ready before the start of 2012. All the content will be reviewed before it's migrated into the new site with the most highly visited and critical sections addressed first.

While the site needs to be updated, we recognize it has become familiar to many of you. Though we're trying to make information easier to find, the new site may pose challenges for some long-time visitors who are accustomed to the old site. Rest assured we'll be here to answer your questions and to listen to your ideas on how to keep improving the site: webmaster@asdk12.org.