

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM (2006-2007)

February 20, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ACADEMY UPDATE

PERTINENT FACTS:

Robert Service High School realized that freshmen were entering the school with a wide variety of skill levels that could often lead to academic jeopardy, failure and eventual dropout status. The staff also recognized that the rate of student retention and the number of successful course attempts needed to be improved, as did the transition from middle to high school for all students, from the highly gifted to those in need of remediation. Therefore, a Freshman Academy Program as a focused smaller learning community program began during the 2005-2006 school year.

The mission of this smaller learning community is to offer a structured and comprehensive array of support mechanisms for ninth graders to enable them to succeed in matriculating through their senior year, earn a diploma in four years and be prepared for a variety of postsecondary opportunities

After a year of experiences with the Freshman Academy, the administration expected to see progress in fewer suspensions, fewer failures and more passing grades. Attachment A illustrates that progress. Service High staff will present data on their findings this far.

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To: Staff
From: John W. Gaskins
Date: December 22, 2006
Subject: Report of 2nd Quarter Suspensions 2006-2007--Freshmen

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

GROUP # OF STUDENTS RECEIVING ISS BY GENDER

One total ISS incident – 1 male student

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS by category:

DANGEROUS ACTIONS/MATERIALS	01
RECKLESS/UNSAFE BEHAVIOR	00
WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE	00
PROFANITY/OBSCENITY/LANGUAGE	00
HARASSMENT/BULLYING	00
ATTENDANCE/TRUANCY	00
FAILURE TO SERVE/REFUSED OPTION	00
THEFT/ROBBERY	00
FALSE WITNESS	00
INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR	00
SMOKING/TOBACCO	00
SEXUAL HARASSMENT	00
VANDALISM/PRANKS	00
THREATS/INSTIGATING	00

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

GROUP # OF STUDENTS RECEIVING OSS BY GENDER

Female 10 out of 269 – account for 11 incidents (568 total freshmen)
Male 12 out of 299 – account for 12 incidents (568 total freshmen)

Total # of OSS Incidents: 23 (3 students/3 incidents were SPED – 75 total SPED students)

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS by category:

FAILURE TO SERVE/REFUSED OPTION	05
FIGHTING/PHYSICAL VIOLENCE	05
ATTENDANCE/TRUANCY	04
DANGEROUS ACTIONS OR MATERIALS	03

RECKLESS/UNSAFE BEHAVIOR	02
WEAPONS OTHER THAN FIREARMS	01
FALSE INFO/CHEATING/LYING	01
BUS MISCONDUCT	01
THREATS/INSTIGATING	01
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR/DISOBEDIENCE	00
HARASSMENT/BULLYING	00
DRUGS	00
THEFT/ROBBERY	00
ACCESSORY TO AN ACT	00
WEAPONS/FIREARMS	00

During the second quarter 1 student was assigned to OSS more than once and accounted for 2 suspensions.

Repeat Offenders

Students with 2 offenses	01
Students with 3 offenses	00
Students with 4 offenses	00

HISTORY REPORT~SERVICE~OSS

	04-05	05-06	06-07
Qtr 1		23	17
Qtr 2		47	23
Qtr 3		32	
Qtr 4		36	

Ethnic Totals

	<u>OSS</u>	<u>Ethnic Population</u>	<u>ISS</u>
1--AK Native	02 (2.7%) 2 students	13.0%(74)	0 (0%) 0 students
2– Amer Indian	01 (11.1%) 1 student	1.5% (9)	0 (0%) 0 students
3– Asian	00 (0%) 0 students	8.9% (51)	0 (0%) 0 students
4– Black	02 (7.1%) 2 students	4.9% (28)	0 (0%) 0 students
5– Philippino	00 (0%) 0 students	1.7% (10)	0 (0%) 0 students
6– Hispanic	05 (14.7%) 4 students	5.9% (34)	0 (0%) 0 students
7– White	12 (3.5%) 12 students	59.6%(339)	1 (.02%) 1 student
8– Other	01 (4.3%) 1 student	4.0% (23)	0 (0%) 0 students

**Service High School Freshman Academy Grade Statistics
for 05-06 & 06-07**

05-06 School Year.....438 F.A. freshmen (500+ school wide)—during the 04-05 school year 26% of the freshmen body had 2 or more F's...our stats reflect only

Freshman Academy students (approximately 70 Seminar freshmen are not figured into our stats, unlike the 04-05 school year). **Academic Enhancement grades were figured into the 05-06 stats.....**

1 st Quarter	235 with 2 or more A's	(53.6%)
	92 with 2 or more F's	(21%)
2 nd Quarter	197 with 2 or more A's	(44.9%)
	97 with 2 or more F's	(22.1%)
3 rd Quarter	180 with 2 or more A's	(41%)
	151 with 2 or more F's	(34.4%)
4 th Quarter	155 with 2 or more A's	(35.3%)
	86 with 2 or more F's	(19.6%)

Stats for 4th quarter reflect post-Extended Year results

We had 51 students sign up for 66 extended year classes.....47 of the 51 students completed 61 classes offered (turned their 52-59% F's into D's)

06-07 School Year.....408 F.A. freshmen (568+ school wide).....our stats reflect only the Freshman Academy (approximately 160 Seminar & Leadership Academy freshmen are not figured into our stats)

Academic Enhancement grades were not figured into the 06-07 stats.... had I used the AE class in the figures our "A" stats would be higher.

1 st Quarter	202 with 2 or more A's	(49.5%)
	58 with 2 or more F's	(14.2%)

Note: 202 of our students had 2 or more A's...of those, 26 had at least 5 A's (6.3%), and 15 students had all A's (3.6%)

2 nd Quarter	141 with 2 or more A's	(34.5%)
	56 with 2 or more F's	(13.7%)

Note: 141 of our 408 students had 2 or more A's...of those, 20 students had at least 5 A's (4.9%), and 21 students had all A's (5.1%)