

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #191 (2009-2010)

January 11, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD: AT&T GRANT -
GRADUATION CONNECTIONS

ASD Goal: All students will graduate from high school college and career ready.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant from AT&T in the amount of \$50,000 to support start-up costs for providing online courses for students at Crossroads and AVAIL.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Anchorage School District has been awarded a grant from AT&T for a project to help students at Crossroads and AVAIL complete high school. This project meets AT&T's education priority to support programs that help students successfully compete high school and prepare them for college or the workforce, with a focus on nontraditional and underserved students.

Graduation Connections will create opportunities for Crossroads and AVAIL students to earn high school credit through online courses. This will meet students' need for flexibility of schedule and location, and will increase the capacity of both schools to offer academic electives needed for graduation.

Grant expenditures are for online course licenses, set-up fees, teacher guides, and an online mentor/teacher for two full-credit high school online courses through the Florida Virtual School. The grant also supports the purchase of student netbooks with accessories. The ASD's in-kind contribution includes teachers' time at Crossroads and AVAIL, Educational Technology Specialists, added duty for extra clerical support, and broadband cards for 20 computers.

Budget Summary:

Contracted Services	\$13,800
New Equipment	<u>36,200</u>
TOTAL	\$50,000

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