



# Back to School



# Anchorage School District

## Announcements

- **Registration will be held August 6–9, 2007. See details below.**
- **Students in grades 1-12 start school Wednesday, August 22.**
- **Kindergarten students and first grade students participating in “Ready, Set, Learn” start school Tuesday, August 28.**

## Registration

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool](http://www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool)

For assistance determining the school your child will attend, please call Demographics, 348-5190. School boundaries can also 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 bill or phone bill, will be verified for:

- new-to-school or new-to-district students (including kindergarten) registering at any school
- all students, new or returning, at those schools which were involved in boundary changes for this school year
- students attending a school on a zone exemption

## Elementary School

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/elementary.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/elementary.asp)

All new and returning elementary school students must register on August 7, 8, or 9. Registration is held at each school. Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2007.

### Register on these dates:

**August 7 . . . . . 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last names A-L)**

**August 8 . . . . . 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (last names M-Z)**

**August 8 . . . . . 7–9 p.m. (last names A-Z)**

**August 9 . . . . . 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.

## Middle School

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/middle.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/middle.asp)

Doors are open from 8–11 a.m. and 12–3 p.m. There is no alphabetical rotation.

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:

**August 7 . . . . . 8th grade**

**August 8 . . . . . 7th grade**

**August 8 . . . . . 7th & 8th grade make-up (4-7 p.m.)**

**August 9 . . . . . 6th-grade registration at Mirror Lake & Begich; 7th & 8th grades make-up**

## High School

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/high.asp](http://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 2006-07 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 6 . . . . . Seniors August 8 . . . . . Sophomores**

**August 7 . . . . . Juniors August 9 . . . . . Freshmen**

## Kindergarten and “Ready, Set, Learn” begins Tuesday, August 28

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/elementary.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/elementary.asp)

Anchorage School District kindergarten classes begin on Monday, August 28. Also this year, first grade students at 30 elementary schools participating in the “Ready, Set, Learn” program will start classes four days later than other students.

“Ready, Set, Learn” is similar to the process kindergarten students have been participating in for a number of years. It allows first grade teachers the opportunity to meet individually with their new students and parents in a 45-60 minute session.

All appointments for students entering kindergarten and “Ready, Set, Learn” first graders will be scheduled individually after registration. Call Elementary Education, 742-4254, for more information or e-mail Dory Hunt at [hunt\\_dory@asdk12.org](mailto:hunt_dory@asdk12.org).

## Back-to-school supplies

[www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/supplies.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/BacktoSchool/supplies.asp)

Specific supply lists will be available at registration. Some common items include a backpack, lunch box, pencils and pens. Elementary students may also need crayons, glue sticks, scissors and a ruler. A clean pair of athletic shoes (no black or blue soles) for physical education class is recommended for students at all grade levels. Free school supplies and coats are available to families in need through the HUGSS and Coats for Kids community partnership. Information flyers will be available at registration and additional information is available through the HUGSS hotline at 644-8477.

## A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent

Nineteen days and counting before it's back to school for nearly 49,000 students. There's a buzz in the air full of excitement for new beginnings. The next nine months will be filled with new friends, experiences and memories. Many of those will happen within the walls of our schools. So many committed staff members work hard to make our schools welcome and friendly places for the community, our students and their families. Inviting schools, together with excellent teaching and support, are what lead to outstanding achievements among our students.

Next Thursday, the district will release our annual report of Adequate Yearly Progress. The report will show some fantastic achievements. When you review the results, I encourage you look deeper than the chart listing which schools made AYP and which didn't. Instead look at the stories behind the results and the progress made from the previous year. There are some truly amazing successes in math and reading achievement and in our graduation rate. My sincere thanks to all of our educators and students who made this possible.

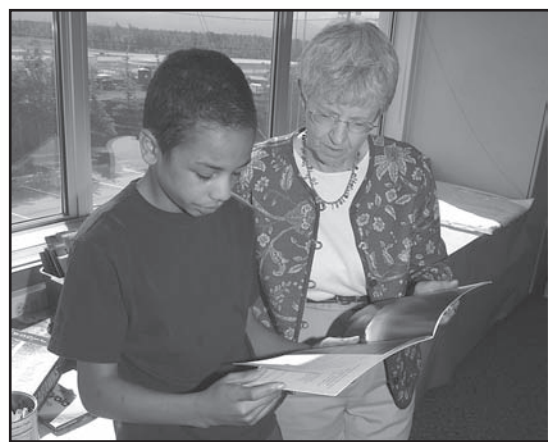
Teachers, support staff and administrators are working hard to close the achievement gap among students. I'm proud to tell you our targeted efforts are paying off. With the help of extraordinary staff, many economically disadvantaged students are working hard, beating the odds and making great gains.

There are many other notable achievements throughout our district. ASD points of pride include:

- Numerous accolades for staff ranging from community recognition to national honors handed out to the country's top educators that call ASD home. We're proud to have the state teacher, high school principal, middle school principal and assistant principal of the year. Among the many awards, we have a Milken award winner, an American Star of Teaching, two art educator award winners and the Health Educator of the year.
- Our comprehensive literacy curriculum is helping hundreds more elementary students learn to read each year.
- Twenty-nine high school students were National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and 30 were Presidential Scholar candidates.
- Polaris K-12 Principal Denise Wilkinson-Greene was appointed to serve as chair of a NCLB task force and testified before the Aspen Commission in Washington D.C.
- Our four-year graduation rate is the highest among school districts statewide and continues to increase.
- Our Career and Technical Education team is racking up awards for their work at the King Career Center.
- Dimond principal Cheryl Guyett was named one of the top three principals in the United States.
- We have 34 National Board Certified teachers.
- For 19 years running, the ASD Business Management division has been honored for its excellence in financial reporting.
- Polaris K-12 and Chugach Optional design and construction teams were honored for their outstanding work on the renovation projects.

As we prepare to begin a new school year, our hopes are high to make even greater gains. We expect our students to come to class eager to learn and ready to find success. As a parent or family member, you play a critical role in making that happen. Make an effort to have your child attend school on time every day. Take time to talk with your child about school, what the school day was like and what he or she learned each day. Children take cues from their parents; if they see you excited and interested in their schooling, there's an increased chance they'll want to stay in school and take advantage of the many learning opportunities available to them. We are counting on your partnership as we educate *all* students for success in life.

Most Sincerely,  
*Carol Comeau*



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

The Bilingual Education 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 6–10, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the bilingual Newcomers' Center, King Career Center, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd. For more information call the Bilingual Education Office, 742-4452.

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

El Programa Bilingüe evaluará a los estudiantes nuevos al Distrito Escolar que tengan limitaciones con el inglés, en agosto 6-10, con el propósito de ubicarlos apropiadamente. Las evaluaciones se llevarán a cabo de 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. en el Bilingual Newcomers' Center, King Career Center, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

Para mayor información llamar a la Oficina de Educación Bilingüe, 742-4452.

Mo Alo ma Fanau e Faalelava 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 A'oa'oga o Gagana e lua, (Bilingual Education Program), ni su'esu'ega mo alo ma fanau e fou mai i lenei itumalo ia Aukuso 6-10.

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's Newcomers' Center, i le tuatuisi o le King Career Center, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd.

A i ai ni fesili i lea fuafuaga, ia fa'afeso'ota'i le ofisa o A'oa'oga a Gagana e Lua (Bilingual), i le 742-4452.

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

Ang Programang Bilingual ay magsasagawa ng pagsusuri sa mga mag-aaral na baguhan 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 King Career Center, 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd., 8:30 n.g.- 3 n.h., Agosto 6–10.

Para sa dagdag na katanungan, tumawag sa Programang Bilingual sa 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 King Career Center 내에 있는 Newcomers' Center, 주소는 2650 E. Northern Lights Blvd. 입니다.

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

## For more information

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MECAC: The mission of the Minority 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 the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Board Conference Room.

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## 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, rubella, hepatitis A and hepatitis B on or before August 22.

- 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.

### Estudiantes Recién Llegados al Distrito Escolar

- Estudiantes recién llegados al distrito escolar deben de tener:
  - Para todos los estudiantes nuevos en el Distrito Escolar de Anchorage se exigido el registro o record de las siguientes vacunas: Difteria, tosferina y tétano, también conocidas como D-P-T, poliomielitits, sarampión, rubéola, hepatitis A, hepatitis B. Dos dosis de la vacuna del sarampión son exigidas para los estudiantes nuevos. Estas deberán presentarse antes o el 22 de agosto.
  - Se requiere que todos los niños que asistan a la escuela pre-primaria sean vacunados contra la Haemophilus Influenzas (gripe) Tipo B (Hib) y la viruela (chicken pox) o que Tengan un historial de Viruela.
  - Los estudiantes pueden elegir o seleccionar cursos pero no pueden asistir a clases hasta que la escuela no obtenga una copia oficial de las vacunas.
  - Certificado de nacimiento para el kinder y primer grado.
  - Los estudiantes de kinder necesitan un examen físico de salud hecho por un médico/doctor, o por un asistente médico, o por una enfermera/enfermero práctico autorizado por el estado. Este certificado debe de estar vigente dentro de los 12 meses antes del estudiante entrar al kinder ó 90 días después de entrar a la escuela.
  - Todos los estudiantes transferidos dentro del distrito escolar se les dará un chequeo de salud por una enfermera o enfermero certificado por el estado dentro de los 90 días de su transferencia.

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

- Upang makumpleto ang pagpapalista ng mga magsisipag-aaral sa ASD ay kinakailangang:
  - May kasalukuyang rekord ng bakuna (immunization record) ng dipterya, pertussis at tetanus-kilala rin sa tawag na D.P.T., polyo, tigdus, rubella, hepatitis A at hepatitis B sa o bago mag-ika 22 ng Agosto. Dalawang dosis ng bakuna sa tigidas ang kailangan.
  - Lahat ng mga batang papasok sa preschool ay kinakailangang mabigyan ng bakuna sa Haemophilus influenzae, type b (Hib) at Bulutong tubig o bakuna nagkasakit na ng Bulutong tubig.
  - Pahihintulutan ang mga mag-aaral na pumili ng kurso ngunit hindi sila pahihintulutang pumasok sa klase hangtag walang natatangap na rekord sa bakuna ang paaralan.
  - Sertipiko ng kapanganakan para sa mga-aaral sa kindergarten at unang baitang.
  - Ang mga mag-aaral sa kindergarten ay kinakailangang magpakita ng pahayag ng pagsusuring pisikal na galing sa lisensiyadong manggagamot o lisensiyadong katulong na manggagamot o nars na pinahihintulutan ng estadong gumawa ng pagsusuri sa loob ng 12 buwan bago magpasukan o dili kaya’y 90 araw pagkatapos magpasukan.
  - Lahat ng mga mag-aaral na lumipat sa purok ay bibigyan ng kalusugang pagsusuri ng isang sertipikadong nars sa paaralan sa loob ng 90 araw.

### Mo Alo ma Fanau e Fou Mai i Lenei Itumalo

- Ina ia mae'a ma mautu lelei le resitalaina o alo ma fanau e fou mai i lenei itumalo, o pepa ma tulaga nei e manaomia:
  - E tatau ona i ai ni pepa tui o lou alo e fa'amaonia ia ua i ai tui nei ole DPT, polio, misela ma le rupela, tui o le Ate A (Hepatitis A) ma le tui o le Ate B (Hepatitis B), ae le'i o'atu i le aso 22 o Aukuso.
  - O fanau uma o le a aooa i a'oga faata'ita'i, ua faamalosia nei le iai o le tui ua ta'ua o le Hib e puipuia ai fanau mai le faama'i o le tagesuua (chicken pox).
  - E faatagaina tamaiti e filifilia a latou mataupu ae le mafai lava ona aua'i se tasi ini vasega vagana ua iai se pepa tui i le ofisa o lea aoga.
  - Pepa fanau mo tamaiti uma o le Kindergarten ma le vasega muamua.
  - Tamaiti uma o le kindergarten - e manaomia se pepa faamaonia o le suesueina o le tino (physical examination) ua faia e se alii poo se tamaitai foma'i ua umia se laisene. E tatau ona faataunuunia lenei suesuega mai le 12 masina poo le 90 aso ae le'i amataina tamaiti i le vasega o le Kindergarten.
  - O le a faia ni suesuega o le soifua maloloina e alii poo tamaitai foma'i (school nurse) mo tamaiti fou uma o le a aooa i aoga uma i totonu o lenei itumalo.

### 앵커리지 교육청에 새로 등록하는 학생들

- 등록을 위해 필요한 사항은 다음과 같습니다.
  - 디프테리아, 백일해, 파상풍 - 보통 DPT라고 함 - 에 대한 최근의 접종 기록과 소아마비(폴리오), 홍역(미즐), 풍진(무벨라), 간염 A와 B(헤파타이티스 A&B) 접종 기록을 8 월22일 이전까지 지(출해야 합니다. 교육청 에 새로 등록하는 학생들은 두번 받은 홍역(미즐) 접종 기록이 요구 됩니다.
  - 유이원 (프리스틀)에 다니는 모든 아동은 아동은(Hib)과 수두(벨리셀라) 예방 접종이나 수두를 앓은 경우 그 기록 이 필요합니다.
  - 예방 접종 기록이 학교 무실에 제출되기 전까지는 학부모 선택은 허락되지만, 학교 출석은 허용되지 않습니다.
  - 유치원생(킨더가든)과 1 학년생은 출생 증명서가 요구 됩니다.
  - 유치원생들은 입학 전 12개월 이내나 입학 후 90일 이내에, 인가 받은 의사 보조 또는 주정 상급 간호사가 발급한 신체 검사 증명서를 제출해야 합니다.
  - 앵커리지 교육청 산하로 진학 오는 학생들은 90일 이내 에 유자격 학교 교사사로 부터 건강 검진을 받게 됩니다.

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. Immunizations are required for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis A and hepatitis B. Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) to be current (within the last 10 years). Exemptions may be granted for medical or religious reasons.

All children attending a preschool are required to be immunized against Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and varicella or have a history of varicella disease (chicken pox). 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, Building B, #290. . . . . 264-1350

### Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) Fairview . . . . . 257-4600

### ANHC/Mt. View . . . . . 259-4686

### Alaska Native Medical Center, Pediatric Clinic . . . 727-1000

### Providence Alaska Medical Center Children's Hospital at Providence . . . . . 261-4824

### C Tower, Suite 338, Glacier Desk, First Saturday of each month

### Allergy/Immunization Center, Elmendorf AFB . . . 580-2000

## 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 2007-2008 school year will be available at all schools during registration and will be posted on the Anchorage School District Web site: 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)
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>22½ credits</b>

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

## Student Fees

### Non-resident Tuition

By state law, all non-resident students attending schools of 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 \$50 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. Over 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 for the 2007–2008 school year. 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. Most ASD schools are over capacity at this time. Two lotteries are held annually if needed. The next lottery will be held August 15. Lottery applications must be submitted by the close of school business hours on August 14. Applications should be submitted to the administrator in charge of the individual school program. 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 Bilingual, 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.

### Benny Benson SEARCH

Benny 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.

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 (7-12) . . . . .	742-1700
Rilke Schule (K-8) . . . . .	742-4322
Winterberry (K-6) . . . . .	742-4980

### Continuation School

The 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 towards 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 Continuation School, 742-1170.

### Creating Optimal High School Opportunities (COHO)

COHO primarily suites the needs of students who are behind in credit, who are not successful in their current educational

setting or who need a different approach to learning. Students earn credits through the Apex online learning program. Teachers are available to assist students who need direct one-on-one instruction, supplemental materials and course review. The program is self-paced and works best for students who are self motivated. Elective credit may also be earned through work experience. Students attend one half-day session and are expected to continue their work at home for additional time during the day. For more information, call COHO at 742-3028.

### Elementary Basic Schools (ABC)

A basic curriculum school's 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

### 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

### 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, 742-8900.

### Montessori Program

Denali Elementary School houses the Montessori Program. 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.

### 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 which house optional programs are: Willard L. Bowman Elementary (K-6) . . . . . 742-5600 Chinook Elementary (1-6) . . . . . 742-6700 Chugach Optional Elementary (K-6) . . . . . 742-3730 Eagle River Elementary (K-6) . . . . . 742-3000 Polaris K-12 School . . . . . 742-8700 Susitna Elementary (K-6) . . . . . 742-1400 Steller (7-12) . . . . . 742-4950

### Polaris K-12 School

Polaris is a self-paced education program featuring an interdisciplinary curriculum for students grades K-12.

### Russian Partial Immersion Program

Students in grades K-4 are immersed in Russian for half of their school day; they learn Russian culture and are taught math, science, social studies and language arts in Russian. 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 10-12, 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 SAVE, 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, Elinaurvik-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 . . . . . 742-2513 West High School, Through the Arts . . . . . 742-2500

### Spanish Partial Immersion Program

Chugiak Elementary School. . . . . 742-3400 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 School and Chugiak High receive some content area instruction in Spanish. Chugiak Elementary also houses a neighborhood K-5 program.

Mirror Lake Middle School . . . . . 742-3500 Chugiak High School . . . . . 742-3050

Government Hill Elementary School . . . . . 742-5000 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 to Romig Middle School and West High can continue in the Spanish immersion program. Government Hill also houses a neighborhood K-6 program. 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 Personal Info and Process for Opting Out

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, date and place 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.

School officials may release directory information about a student without first obtaining parental consent, unless parents object by completing a directory information “Opt Out” form, which is available on the ASD Web site and at each school.

In two instances, the district is required by law to release certain contact information regarding 11th-grade and 12th-grade students, unless parents object. 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, 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 object to the release of their students' telephone numbers and directory information to military recruiters and colleges should complete a directory information “Opt Out” form.**

Parents who have no objections to the release of directory information do not need to take any action.

## Activities

### Fees

**The middle school activity fee is \$80 per sport. The high school fee is \$160 per sport. A family cap will be implemented once the students in a family have paid \$330 to participate in any combination of middle and high school activities.**

### 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

In addition students who participate in interscholastic sports must pay the \$80 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.

### 2007–2008 Middle School Interscholastic Fall Sports Schedule

Cross-Country Running . . . . . August 23 – October 4 Volleyball (girls) . . . . . October 10 – November 28 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 \$160 activity fee per sport, 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

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 Web site: www.asdk12.org.

### 2007-2008 High School Fall Sports Schedule

Cross-Country Running . . . . . July 30 – September 22 Tennis . . . . . July 30 – October 13 Football . . . . . July 30 – October 6 Football Cheerleading . . . . . July 30 – November 3 Girls Gymnastics . . . . . July 30 – November 3 Swim/Dive . . . . . August 6 – October 27 Girls Volleyball . . . . . August 6 – November 3 Rifle. . . . . September 10 – December 8 Girls Flag Football . . . . . July 30 – October 20 For more information, visit www.asaa.org 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 special education students** need to register and will follow the kindergarten start-up schedule.

## Anchorage Youth Court

Anchorage Youth Court (AYC) 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. Classes begin September 17 and run one evening a week for seven weeks. Registration and a student-led presentation, “Faces of Youth Court” for all area middle and high school students and their parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 5 at Wilda Marston Theater. For more information, look for the AYC information table at your child's school during registration or call 274-5986.

## Directory

General Information . . . . .	742-4000
Superintendent. . . . .	742-4312
Assistant Supt., Instruction . . . . .	742-4321
Assistant Supt., Support Services . . . . .	742-4305
Assessment/Evaluation . . . . .	742-4420
Bus Service. . . . .	742-1200
Building Rentals . . . . .	742-4143
Business Management . . . . .	742-4369
Curriculum . . . . .	742-4464
Elementary Education . . . . .	742-4254
Gifted Program . . . . .	742-3794
Health Services (Immunizations) . . . . .	742-4136
High School Education . . . . .	742-4256
Human Resources . . . . .	742-4115
Middle School Education . . . . .	742-4249
Public Relations/Communications . . . . .	742-4153
School Board Meetings. . . . .	742-4315
Special Education . . . . .	742-4236
Student Nutrition. . . . .	348-5142
Training & Professional Development . . . . .	742-3844

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## 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 2007-08 school year. This income chart is adjusted each year by the federal government.

### FEDERAL INCOME CHART—REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 23,625	\$1,969	\$455
2	\$ 31,672	\$2,640	\$610
3	\$ 39,720	\$3,310	\$764
4	\$ 47,767	\$3,981	\$919
5	\$ 55,815	\$4,652	\$1,074
6	\$ 63,862	\$5,322	\$1,229
7	\$ 71,910	\$5,993	\$1,383
8	\$ 79,957	\$6,664	\$1,538

for each additional family member, add:  
\$8,048.....\$671.....\$155

### FEDERAL INCOME CHART—FREE MEALS

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 16,601	\$1,384	\$320
2	\$ 22,256	\$1,855	\$428
3	\$ 27,911	\$2,326	\$537
4	\$ 33,566	\$2,798	\$646
5	\$ 39,221	\$3,269	\$755
6	\$ 44,876	\$3,740	\$863
7	\$ 50,531	\$4,211	\$972
8	\$ 56,186	\$4,683	\$1,081

for each additional family member:  
\$5,655.....\$472.....\$109

You may discuss your application status informally or formally by calling or writing to: Director of Student Nutrition, 1307 Labar Street, Anchorage, AK 99519-3516. Phone: 907-348-5142.

## Breakfast program

Breakfast is available for \$1.30 at the following elementary and middle schools: Abbott Loop, Airport Hts., Baxter, Campbell, Chester Valley, Chinook, Chugiak Elementary, College Gate, Creekside, Denali, Eagle River Elementary, Fairview, Gladys Woods, Government Hill, Kasuun, Klatt, Lake Hood, Lake Otis, Mountain View, Mt. Iliamna, Muldoon, North Star, Northern Lights, Northwood, Nunaka Valley, Ptarmigan, Russian Jack, Scenic Park, Susitna, Taku, Tudor, Tyson, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Whaley, Williwaw, Willow Crest, Wonder Park, Begich, Central, Hanshew, Mirror Lake, Romig, Wendler.

Breakfast is available for \$1.75 at these high schools: Bartlett, Chugiak, Dimond, Eagle River, East, Service, South Anchorage, West.

## 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 the school year effective July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Income plus Permanent Fund Dividend information will be totaled.

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 or Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP), or Temporary Assistance to Native Families (TANF) are automatically eligible for free meals.

Foster children, as the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the household income where they reside.

### How to apply

#### Applications must be submitted annually

If your children participated in the free and reduced-price meal program last year, you have a 30-day (30 school days) carryover period this school year. Your children's eligibility will end on the 31st school day if you have not submitted a new application for the current school year. To avoid confusion and disruption of your students' benefits, please apply early.

Applications will be distributed to all elementary, middle and high schools at registration, and will be available at the schools, ASD Education Center, and Student Nutrition Dept. Applications are also available online at [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org). Click on "menus" under the Parents/Students section.

Instructions for applying are on the back of the application. More details are available on a separate question/answer sheet. Please submit one application per family. Processing time is 10 working days. Parents **must be responsible** for their child(ren)'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 **must** 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: \$2.65; middle school: \$3.05; high school: \$3.50. **Reduced-price breakfast:** 30¢; **Reduced-price lunch:** 40¢; **milk:** 40¢.

## Special message for Food Stamp (ATAP), (TANF), migrant applicants

Student Nutrition now receives automatic electronic data import for the households who normally receive the Food Stamp/Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP), (TANF) School Meal Direct Certification notices from Division of Public Assistance. Student Nutrition then sends letters advising households of their child(ren)'s status. Any eligible household, not advised through the electronic import process, and who have written certification from Public Assistance, may submit same as a meal application or use a regular application listing their case number. Electronic imports are also received from Migrant Education and families advised of their status.

### Transferring schools

Some district schools may be designated to a special category which allows the schools to feed all students free without applications. However, if students from such schools should transfer within this district to regular schools that participate in the Free and Reduced-price Meal Program with applications, then *the transfer student must have* an application at that time if they want to be considered for the program from that point forward. Otherwise, it is not necessary to complete a new application when transferring between regular district schools. Schools where students are automatically fed free are: Fairview, Mt. Iliamna, Mt. View, Muldoon, North Star, Whaley, William Tyson and Williwaw elementaries.

### Reapplication

You may apply for benefits anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but have a change, such as decrease in household income, (send written verification of same), an increase in household size, become unemployed or start to receive Food Stamps or Alaska Temporary Assistance for your children, complete a new application.

### Other benefits

**Anchorage School District Child In Transition/Homeless Project** – contact 742-3833.

**Denali KidCare** – You may be eligible for free health insurance for your children. Call 269-6529 or toll free 1-888-318-8890.

**WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** – You may be eligible for nutritious foods. Contact 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 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**  
**Dana Dugdale, Director** ..... **742-3886**

**Middle and High School Special Education and Special School Programs**  
**Cindy Anderson, Director** ..... **742-3888**

**Alaska State School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
**Lee Waters, Supervisor** ..... **742-4243**

**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**  
**Jerry Sjolander, 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, mental retardation, 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 safeguards is available at any school or through the STeP Center.

### 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 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, a special school, 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](http://www.asdk12.org)

At the Anchorage School District's Web site, [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org), parents, students and others can find useful information anytime they need it. ASD Online is a one-stop resource for the answers to all of your questions about Anchorage schools and district policies. Some of the information included online:

- District calendars
- School board agendas, memos, minutes and policies
- Lunch menus and applications for free and reduced-price meals
- Student handbooks
- Employment information, job openings and applications
- School closure information
- Activities/sports schedules
- School construction and remodel updates
- Employee directory
- School and department links and contact information
- News releases
- ASD-TV cable channel 14 program schedule

The Web site is continually improving due to the tremendous feedback that comes from the public through the Suggestion Box. Superintendent Carol Comeau reads every suggestion submitted and appreciates hearing about what people have on their minds, whether it's a suggestion for a different way to approach a problem or to provide input on the latest topic. What would you like to see on the site? We're always looking for ways to improve, so be sure to send in your suggestions and comments.

### E-mail lists

 [www.asdk12.org/asddirect/](http://www.asdk12.org/asddirect/)

Subscribe to one of the e-mail lists we offer to receive timely e-mail about district happenings. The topics covered include announcements/news releases, school closure announcements (delivered to your e-mail address as soon as the closure is determined), and school board announcements.

### New features

A new event calendar will roll out this year to help parents and the rest of the community keep track of what's going on around the district. Also look for Migrant Education, Bilingual and Multi-Sensory Instruction to have all new sections with helpful information about their programs and the services they provide.