

Alaska Studies
Eagle River High School
Fall 2009

Alaska Studies is a required one-semester course that focuses on the development of the State of Alaska. During the semester we will examine various aspects of Alaska including the state's geography, history, economics, politics, government, and the culture of its Native people. The basic goal is to develop knowledgeable citizens capable of recognizing opportunities, fulfilling obligations, and making Alaska an even better place to live.

During the course you will be required to make presentations, do reports, work individually and collectively, take tests, and develop projects. The final examination will be cumulative; that is it will test what you have studied the whole semester. Be sure to organize your materials with this in mind. Of particular importance are the tests and quizzes you take during the semester. Your answers on all tests will be returned to you and we will go over the test in class. While you will not get back the test questions, as we go over the test you can take notes so you can use it as a study guide for the cumulative final.

Daily class activity and assignments will be recorded online and are accessible at my webpage - <http://www.asdk12.org/home.asp?num=100024>. Grades will be available through the Zangle Interface. A link to the site is located at the same webpage above. The online grade is up-to-date and accurate to that moment. Generally, I will update grades weekly. The daily log will be current each day unless I am absent from school. Please check it to see what we did in class when you have been absent or otherwise need to know. I am happy to provide you with the materials you need to make up work, but it is your responsibility to check online for what the assignment was. Please do so routinely. If you have difficulty doing this, please talk with me.

As you have access to timely grade reporting and a daily log, it is your responsibility to make sure you are completing assignments and tests in a timely fashion. Satisfactory resolution to a question about an assignment being done or not is best accomplished when you inquire sooner rather than later.

Your most important asset is a positive attitude. A student with a good attitude will relate well to the others in the class and work to do well on the requirements. Grades will be given based upon the following scale:

90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
0 - 59 = F

Alaska is an interesting and unique state. I hope you gain knowledge and insight from our study even if you do not call Alaska home.