



Transition Connect

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Transition Connect is a newsletter emailed to the Anchorage School District Secondary Special Education Community. It is produced by the ASD STEP Center (Student-Parent-Educator Center), a resource center for everyone. This newsletter is intended to keep students and parents informed of transitional information and resources. Transition services start by the age of 15 to prepare the student for life after secondary education. Students with guidance from their IEP teams, teachers, counselors, parents/guardians and community resources can achieve a successful transition. For more information on services provided by the Secondary Special Education Department call 907-742-3895 or go to www.asdk12.org/postsecondarytransition Transition Resource Booklet available online here: www.asdk12.org/Page/14372

Everyone's path will be unique depending on their interests and abilities.



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www.asdk12.org/step

Introducing the New Assistant Director of Transition & Vocational Services in Secondary Special Education – Terry Manning



Hello, my name is Terry Manning and I am the new Assistant Director of Transition & Vocational Services in Secondary Special Education. I moved from Fairbanks at the end of September and am excited to be a part of a wonderful team! My love is Secondary Transition and I'm grateful to be able to focus on the process.

Oftentimes, Secondary Transition is thought of as a place where students with more involved needs go when they finish high school, however, it is actually a process for all students with IEPs. It is wonderful to help students develop

skills to assist them in being as successful as possible in reaching their goals and dreams after they leave the K-12 school system. In Alaska, the process is not mandated until the age of 16, however, it may begin whenever a team determines it appropriate.

There are Alaska resources/opportunities that support the Secondary Transition process. The Alaska Department of Education (DEED), Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) collaborate on the following:

- TransitionAlaska.org – A portal of resources for parents, students, and educators;
- Virtual Transition Camp – A statewide camp, most recently held December 13–15 with several ASD students attending; and
- In-person Transition Camp – One is being planned for February. As a district, we are strengthening our relationships with these entities in order to make better connections for our students.

I wish you and your families much love and happiness in 2022!

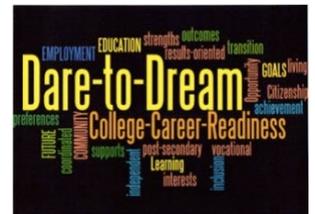
Terry

I Hope You Dance

—Lee Ann Womack

“Peace Begins With a Smile”

—Mother Teresa



School Counseling and Guidance

www.asdk12.org/counseling

The Anchorage School District counseling and Guidance website is a resource for scholarships and career readiness. Visit counselors in person to find out individual school testing dates for the ACT and SAT.

Some valuable resources on this site:

- College, Careers, Apprenticeships and Employment
- Planning timeline
- Letter of Recommendation Request form

Transcript Request

anchorageak.scribder.com

The Anchorage School District has a secure and convenient way of requesting educational records. If you need Special Education or 504 records please send your request directly to specialeducationrecordsrequest@asdk12.org

King Tech High School

Interested in Career Technical Education (CTE)?

King Tech offers grades 11-12 the option to attend vocational classes or apply to be full time students. Students may enter a regular vocational program or the Career & Work Readiness Program depending on the student's individual needs and goals. For more information call 907-742-8900 or visit www.asdk12.org/kingtech

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

DVR helps Alaskans with disabilities prepare for and attain jobs. DVR's Pre-employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are available during high school while other services become available after graduation.

For more information call 907-269-3580 or visit www.labor.alaska.gov/dvr

Alaska Transition Outcome Project (ATOP)

This is a Parent and Student Portal for transition resources and recorded webinars. It's provided by SERRC, Alaska's Education Resource Center.

transitionalaska.org

ACT

The ACT is a standardized test used for admission to college. It covers academic skills; English, math, reading, and science reasoning. ACT provides accommodations for students with documented disabilities, though advance approval is required. Students should go to their guidance counselor for upcoming test dates. There are practice tests available online. For more information visit www.act.org

SAT

The SAT is a standardized test used for college admissions. The skills tested are writing, critical reading, and math. The SAT has practice tests available online. Students with disabilities may be eligible for accommodations with advance request and documentation. Students should visit their guidance counselor for upcoming test dates. For Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) call 844-255-7728. For more general information visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

AKCIS-Alaska Career Information System

This is a free resource available to Alaska residents. Create a portfolio or resume, and find occupations or schools to meet interests. This site has budgeting information and a scholarship search.

acpe.alaska.gov/PLANNING/AKCIS

UAA Tapestry Program

The UAA Tapestry Program partners with the Anchorage School District to provide social skills, career exploration and employability skills. Students who complete the six Tapestry classes earn the Bridge to Independence through Career Readiness Workforce Credential. There is a summer UAA Tapestry program on campus. It includes classroom activities, a service learning project, and placement in a work experience. For more information call Secondary Special Education at 907-742-3895 or Tapestry at 907-786-6038.

www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/center-for-human-development/tapestry/

AVTEC-Alaska Vocation Technical Center

AVTEC is an Alaskan option for a technical school. It has programs such as maritime training, welding, diesel & heavy equipment, and information technology. AVTEC is a division of the State of Alaska Department (DOLWD). It is the only statewide post-secondary vocational training center operated by the state. As a career and technical education center (CTE) AVTEC provides for Alaska's residents a means to an entry-level career in under a year. AVTEC is located in Seward. For more information call 907-224-3322 or visit www.avtec.edu

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Seniors who are considering postsecondary education it's time to apply for the FAFSA. Completing the FAFSA is a necessary step for students to receive grants, loans, and scholarships for most colleges and technical schools. Parents will need to have tax information on hand and student's income information if they have earned wages.

The FAFSA has an app for convenience for iOS and Android mobile devices called myStudentAid. For more information visit studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

ASD Statement of Nondiscrimination

The Board is committed to an environment of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, physical or mental disability, Vietnam era veteran status, genetic information, good faith reporting to the board on a matter of public concern, or any other unlawful consideration. No person shall, based solely on protected class, be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any academic or extracurricular program or educational opportunity or service offered by the District. The District will comply with the applicable statutes, regulations, and executive orders adopted by Federal, State and Municipal agencies. The District notes the concurrent applicability of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the relevant disability provisions of Alaska law.

Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to ASD's Office of Equity and Compliance Senior Director, who also serves as the Title IX and ADA Coordinator, ASD Education Center, 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99504-3135 (907) 742-4132, Equity@asdk12.org, or to any of the following external agencies: Alaska State Commission for Human Rights, Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Office for Civil Rights-U.S. Department of Education. REVISED: 8/2007, 8/2012, 5/2013, 7/2014, 3/2017, 9/2017, 1/2020



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