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**Anchorage School District Schools with Senate and House Districts**

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**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2024 Legislative Priorities

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STUDENT DIVERSITY

A diverse student population provides students the ability to interact with peers from many different backgrounds, expanding their knowledge of other cultures and preparing for life in a global society.

60% Multicultural student population

- 17% Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 16% Biracial/Multiracial
- 12% Hispanic
- 10% Alaska Native/American Indian
- 5% African American

STUDENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

53% of ASD students are economically disadvantaged

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

15% of ASD students are English Language Learners

ASD families speak over 100 different languages.

Top 5 languages spoken at ASD after English K-12, 2023:
1. Spanish
2. Samoan
3. Hmong
4. Filipino
5. Yup’ik

EDUCATES NEARLY 43,500 STUDENTS

VOLUNTEERS 9,000+

volunteers in schools

GRADUATION RATE 81%

2023 4-Year Graduation Rate

ENCUMBERED NEARLY 2,000 SQUARE MILES

HAS MORE THAN 130 SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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