



# Anchorage School District

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## Education Center

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### MEMORANDUM

To: High School Principals, Charter School Principals

From: Dr. Kersten Johnson-Struempler, Sr. Director of Secondary Education

Date: October 18, 2021

Subject: Participation in Graduation for Shared Students

The purpose of this communication is to provide guidance regarding participation of charter school, homeschool, special programs, and private school students in the graduation ceremonies at ASD comprehensive high schools.

#### ASD Charter Homeschools and ASD Correspondence Programs

- ❖ ASD Charter and ASD Correspondence school students are permitted to participate in a comprehensive high school graduation ceremony if they are enrolled in at least one course via part time enrollment *during the second semester of their senior year* at that school.

#### Alaska Middle College School & ANSEP

- ❖ Alaska Middle College students are dual enrolled with their affiliate high school and are permitted to participate in that comprehensive high school's graduation ceremony.
- ❖ ANSEP Alaska Middle College students are permitted to participate in a comprehensive high school graduation ceremony if they are enrolled in at least one course via part time enrollment *during the second semester of their senior year* at that school.

#### Private Schools and Non-ASD Correspondence Programs

- ❖ Non-ASD students are permitted to participate in a comprehensive high school graduation ceremony if they are enrolled in at least one course via part time enrollment *during the second semester of their senior year* at that school.
- ❖ The student must provide confirmation from the private or correspondence school stating the student has met the school's graduation requirements.

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## **Additional Considerations**

- ❖ Students in any category above who choose to participate in a comprehensive high school graduation must follow all of the expectations of the comprehensive high school related to graduation practice, decorum expectations, regalia, and wearing of cords and other recognitions.
- ❖ Students in any category above who choose to participate in a comprehensive high school graduation ceremony will receive their diploma from the school where they are primarily enrolled. They will not receive a diploma from the comprehensive high school.
- ❖ The students' class rank, Valedictorian/Salutatorian recognition, Honor Grad status, UA Scholars eligibility, ADN recognition, etc. will also be determined by the school in which they are primarily enrolled. They are not eligible for these designations through the comprehensive high school.
- ❖ When given sufficient advance notice, comprehensive high schools will include all students participating in the ceremony in the graduation program.
- ❖ Comprehensive high schools may choose to acknowledge the awards and recognition from the school where the student is primarily enrolled in the graduation program and during roll call in a manner consistent with the way other students are recognized during the ceremony (e.g. reading a student's Honor Grad status, even when earned from another school, if known).