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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements



Withdrawal Deadline

If an AMCS student is in jeopardy of not passing a UAA class, and they have exhausted all possible options to complete the class successfully, they have the option to withdraw from the class by the UAA withdrawal deadline, **November 3, 2023, by 5 PM.**

AMCS students who choose to withdraw from a UAA course **must** complete the College Course Grade Change Form with their UAA advisor before they can withdraw from the UAA class in UAOnline. The withdrawal form helps to ensure that the AMCS high school staff and UAA Middle College staff are aware of this decision and provide feedback to the student if necessary.

It's time to order your Cap and Gown. **The order deadline is November 30.** [Jostens](#) is our vendor for graduation regalia.

Registrar's Range

Register Now: The Anchorage School District **requires** all students to be registered every year through [ASD Parent Connection](#): Once you have logged in, look for QuickLinks on the left and click on your student's picture. Information on how to reset your PIN and password is found here also.

In Parent Connection you can **update your contact information**, view your student's unofficial transcripts, demographic data, class schedule, attendance, pay for lunches and activities, and muchmore!

ASD must verify address changes, please send proof of residency to Elizabeth Goetz, AMCS Registrar, goetz_elizabeth@asdk12.org.

- This document must show the service address: Utility bill, Lease/Rental Agreement, Mortgage Document, Military Housing, etc.
- Phone bills, credit cards, or bank statements are **not** accepted.

Transcript Requests: The Anchorage School District uses [ScribOrder](#) for all educational records requests. If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be the one to submit the request. Be sure to have them legibly signed. We can send e-documents to most post-secondary institutions, so please enter this information in your request. Sending e-documents gets your transcripts to the schools much sooner than mailing them, and it saves everybody time!

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Coordinator's Cache

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program: KTHS Certified Nurses' Aide program provides opportunities to earn college credit and professional certification. If you are interested in this program for the spring semester, contact Mrs. Sherwood for information and to learn how to connect to the program.

Counselor's Cave

Planning to graduate in December? If you plan on graduating in December 2023, you need to contact Ms. Sherwood as soon as possible.

Withdrawal and Advisory: If you withdrew from a Fall class at UAA, you will be placed in an advisory class next semester.

Part-Time school enrollments: If you plan on taking a class at your affiliated high school, please fill out the [Part-time Course Enrollment Form](#) and return it to me. I will then process it and send it to your affiliated high school. If you are in the same class all year, you don't need to resubmit the form. This is only for new classes. Part-time course enrollment forms are due by **December 15**.

Credit by Choice: Credit by Choice Applications have to be filled out prior to or at the beginning of the semester. They will not be accepted after you have completed the course. Credit By Choice.

Letter of Recommendation: It is [Letter of Recommendation](#) time! I love writing personalized letters; please complete the form and email it to me.

Alaska Performance Scholarship: I will send out information about the Alaska Performance Scholarship in October as we schedule your Spring courses. Please check out the APS checklist and see if you are on target to earn this award, the [APS website](#).

Teacher's Terrain



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Yearbook: BUY: Yearbooks are available for purchase! [Click here](#) to purchase your 23-24 AMCS Yearbook today; they are \$65.

SUBMIT: Seniors: Do you have a senior photo to submit for the yearbook? [Use this link](#) to upload your senior photo for the AMCS Yearbook DEADLINE 11/17. If you would like to submit a photo to your affiliate school please [Click Here](#) for instructions on how to submit at each school.

Senior Celebration Pages: Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. To purchase your ad online, [click here](#). Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. All orders must be placed by 02/02/2024.

Yearbook
Photo Contest

Win a 
**Wildscoops
Gift Card!!**

Every Photo Submitted will be 1 entry. Unlimited entries available.
Ends 12/15
Use QR Code to Submit



ASD Advisory Classes December 18-21: Instead of final exams in advisories, students are encouraged to participate in a variety of workshops. Students with absences in advisories this semester may also

make up the time by attending workshops. More information will be provided to students about the workshop schedule and options toward the end of November.

AMCS students with academic classes or single course enrollments will be on a final exam schedule this week.

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Midterm Progress Report

Midterm progress reports are due in a digital format that requires a student to upload a picture of each of their BlackBoard and/or UAOnline grades, upload a TITLE IX certificate of completion, add their remaining high school graduation requirements (after fall semester), see how their UAA courses apply to a future degree or GERs by completing a degree audit in DegreeWorks, and propose UAA courses for the spring.

Current grades should be available in BlackBoard and/or UAOnline, and should be submitted between October 13 and October 30, 2023. If grades are missing, students should reach out directly to their professor.

Middle College Spring Advising

Midterm progress reports & Title IX must be complete to schedule an advising appointment. If students schedule an advising appointment with an incomplete progress report, their appointment will be cancelled. Advising appointments begin Monday, October 30.

TITLE IX

Students who still need to complete their [TITLE IX Training](#), can access it at [BlackBoard Online Training](#). There will be a Certificate of Completion that can be submitted with midterm grades. Students do not need to submit TITLE IX if they attended the Zoom training.

Withdrawal Deadline

If an AMCS student is in jeopardy of not passing a UAA course with a C or better, and they have talked to the professor and exhausted all options to complete the course successfully, it is possible to withdraw. Withdrawing from a college course can impact [Satisfactory Academic Performance and future financial aid](#).

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Middle College Club Interest Meeting!

Your voices have been heard, and we're excited to create a club tailored to Middle College students' needs! Please join us on **Wednesday, November 15th from 12pm-1pm** for a brainstorming session. Don't miss this opportunity to shape the club's future and connect with your peers. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP HERE](#) if you are planning on attending.

Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

November

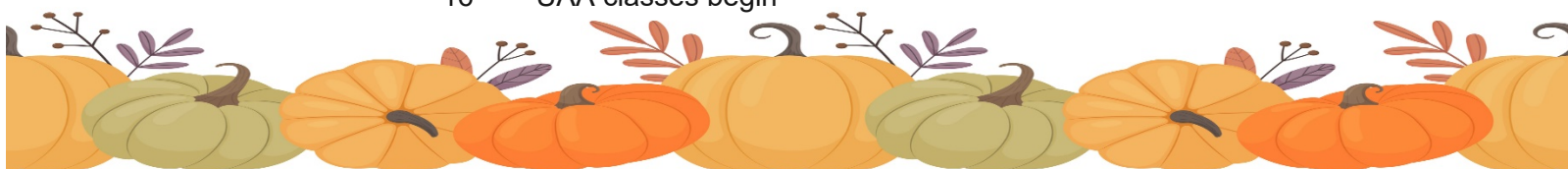
- 3 UAA withdrawal deadline
- 11 No AMCS classes - UAA still in session
- 22 No UAA classes
- 23-24 Thanksgiving - No AMCS or UAA classes

December

- 11-16 UAA final exams
- 21 Fall semester ends
- 22 No classes – Grading Day
- 25-29 ASD Winter Break

January

- 1-5 ASD Winter Break continued
- 8 AMCS spring semester classes start
- 15 ASD and UAA closed
- 16 UAA classes begin



Pack Leaders Contact Information

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AMCS Community Standards

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Students to Students

- Be kind, use nice words and tone.
- Ask before using things.
- Respect your peers' preferred atmosphere and learning style.
- When in a group, complete assignments in a fair manner.
- Value each other's time.
- Listen and speak.



Students to Teacher

- Use kind words and appropriate voice levels.
- Follow rules and directions.
- Always give your best effort.
- Forgive me if I have a bad day.
- Complete work on time, be prepared and participate.
- Be open to new ideas; approaches.
- Behave with integrity- no lying or cheating.



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GRACE

Teacher to Students

- Be patient.
- Give fair consequences.
- Don't give up on me when I'm having a bad day.
- Respect student boundaries.
- Be accessible.
- Allow for brain breaks when necessary.



Students & Teacher to Classroom

- Keep your space organized.
- Be safe and respectable with our supplies and classroom.
- Leave the room nicer than you found it.
- Manage food and drink in a responsible manner.
- Respect seating charts and other Covid-driven rules.