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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

PSAT Testing

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Check-In: 7:30 am Start: 8:30 am
at KTHS

Open to all AMCS Grade 11 students

What is the PSAT? The PSAT is a practice SAT offered by the College Board. It is advantageous for all students to take a practice test before taking the SAT or ACT.

This year the test is being offered digitally. If a student scores exceptionally well on the test (top 1%), then they have the opportunity to be named as a National Merit Scholar. (10 to 15 seniors in the ASD are NMS Finalists each year).



[AMCS PSAT Registration](#)

Lunch Service

KTHS does not qualify for a lunch program under the National School Lunch Program; therefore, there is no food service program on campus. Students are encouraged to bring food and water when attending classes at KTHS. KTHS offers a lunch break from 10:55 am – 11:30 am. A snack pack is available in the main office if a student qualifies for a free or reduced lunch.

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FAQs

FAQ Question: What is academic probation? AMCS students must be in good academic standing to enroll in university courses. Academic good standing means the student maintains a cumulative high school 2.50 GPA, completes all enrolled courses with a "C" or higher, has a good attendance record, and has no disciplinary actions.

A student is no longer in good standing when the student's university GPA falls below 2.50, fails to attend 20% of a course meeting times, or receives a failing grade (D, F, W, NB, I, or Credit/No Credit) in a course(s). The student is placed on academic probation the following semester. While on academic probation, the student must adhere to one or more of the following:

- Reduce overall class schedule by one course (3 credits) from the previous semester
- Retake course(s) for which the student earned "D," "F," or "W" before attempting new courses
- No single course enrollment
- Maintain full-time status in the program (six high school classes)
- Attend advisory one time per week

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 much more!

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!

Important Troubleshooting Information

For technical support for UAA software and Blackboard, contact UAA IT Help Desk at 907-786-4646. To reset your UAA password or look up your username, visit [UAA Elmo](#). **For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk: 907-742-4357, 8 am-5 pm (M-F).**

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Counselor's Cave

ACT and SAT: Students planning to take the [ACT](#) and/or the [SAT](#) should sign-up soon. It is important to note that some universities may have either altered or waived their testing requirements. If you know which schools you want to apply to, make sure you check their admissions criteria.

Fee waivers for the ACT/SAT are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Additional criteria are listed at [College Waiver Information](#). The waivers are available from Mrs. Sherwood.



AMCS YEARBOOK



Join!

Be a part of making our 23-24 yearbook one to remember!

Meetings are every Friday
from 1:00-2:30.

Chat with Mrs. Espeland or
Mrs. Harbison for more details.



Senior Portrait Submission Options:

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[RB.GY/5NT3W](https://rb.gy/5NT3W)

Deadline to submit November
17th by 5 pm

Senior Ad Pages

Recognize your student's
milestones and successes with
a yearbook ad.

Create and purchase online by
02/02/2024



jostensadservice.com/student



Seniors: Do you already have a senior photo to submit for the yearbook? [Use this link](#) to upload your senior photo for the AMCS Yearbook. Senior portraits are due by November 17th at 5pm for the AMCS Yearbook.

The photos AMCS collects do not automatically go to the yearbook at your affiliate school. If you would like to submit a senior photo, please connect with the yearbook staff at your affiliate to learn about their deadlines and submission process.

Graduation Information: For updates on graduation dates and times, please check ASD's website <https://www.asdk12.org/graduations>. Jostens will be visiting Senior Advisory classes in September to discuss cap and gown orders. Contact your affiliate high school to find out how to stay up-to-date with activities, yearbook photo submissions, and graduation information for their school.



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Fall UAA Schedules

Textbooks have been ordered and schedule changes are limited. To add a UAA course during the second week of add/drop, students must get written approval from the faculty teaching the course and your Middle College advisor.

Students should check their syllabi and workload carefully during the first two weeks of the semester to ensure they are able to complete all the work successfully. Once the add/drop deadline passes, students are committed to their UAA courses. **The last day to add/drop UAA courses, and not have them on your UAA or ASD transcript, is September 8, 2023 @ 5PM.**

Textbooks

Students should have heard from Hannah Cox if they require UAA course materials. If students have questions, they can email Hannah at uaa_middlecollege@alaska.edu.

Blackboard

BlackBoard courses will show up, eventually. Students should check email every day and check BlackBoard often to see any updates sent out by UAA professors.

Parking

Middle College/AMCS does not pay for UAA parking. Permit pricing and information can be found at bit.ly/2VmlMEJ. Order your Parking Permits at uaa.thepermitstore.com. Students are able to add multiple cars to their permit.

Annual Title IX Training (Required)

UAA students, including Middle College, are required to complete a safety training called Title IX. This training aims to increase awareness of sexual harassment and unwanted behaviors and address these behaviors. Middle College students can complete Title IX training through Blackboard (a series of recorded videos) or a group Zoom training session exclusively offered to Middle College students (DATE TBA).

Five-Week Check-in Survey Coming Soon!

We will be checking in to see how you are doing and how we can support you. Please be on the lookout for the Middle College five-week check-in survey on September 25, via email.

UAA Media Releases

UAA students must complete a media release form to be featured in any UAA media (video or photos), including the UAA Middle College web page. Please complete this [Media Release form](#). You will be prompted to enter both you and your parent/guardian email address so you both can sign.

WolfCard

As a UAA student you will need a UAA ID card, which is also known as a Wolfcard. In order to receive a Wolfcard, you will need to complete this [Wolfcard Application form](#).

Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

September

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Labor Day - No ASD or UAA classes

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UAA add/drop deadline

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UAA withdrawal period begins

October

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Indigenous Day – No ASD classes; UAA in session

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End of ASD first quarter; no ASD classes; UAA in session

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No ASD classes; UAA in session



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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.

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.

OFFER GRACE