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The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

Transportation

AMCS busing cohort changes on October 3, when the Eagle River and Chugiak areas will receive busing service for three weeks. Please review busing services to your affiliate high school and King tech on our [website](#).

[Register Now!](#)

AMCS is offering PSAT testing on **Saturday, October 15**, at King Tech High School. There is limited seating (80), so students must register before the test date. Registration is open and on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$18, and payment is through ParentConnect (no checks or cash accepted). AMCS students are given priority registration through September 30. All remaining available seats will open to the rest of the district juniors to register starting October 1.



Five-Week Check-In Survey

Please take 5 minutes and complete the [Middle College Check-In Survey](#). We need to know how you are doing! If you need help with your college classes, please reach out to your UAA faculty, your AMCS high school teachers, your AMCS UAA advisor, and your AMCS high school counselor. Thank you for filling out the survey.

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Parent Check-In

Parents and/or guardians please take a few minutes to complete the [Middle College Parent Survey](#) so we can hear about your experience in AMCS. Join the AMCS staff for an online parent check-in on October 13 @ 6 PM, via Zoom. During the check-in, parents/guardians will receive updates regarding what to expect for the remainder of the semester, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and have an opportunity to ask questions to AMCS staff. Please look for the Zoom link in a forthcoming email.

Graduation Information

For updates on graduation dates and times, please see ASD's website <https://www.asdk12.org/graduations>. Jostens will be visiting Senior Advisory classes on Friday, September 30, and Friday, October 7 to discuss cap and gown orders.

FAQs

Parents and students, please become familiar with our [FAQ web page](#).



Home school = AMCS

Affiliate school = your neighborhood high school, resident school, or boundary school

FAQ Question: Can students qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship? Yes

FAQ Question: Are college courses weighted for GPA? No, college courses have no extra weight in GPA calculations.

Registrar's Range

Grade changes: If a course grade changed after grades appeared in your student account in Q, or you repeated a class to replace a prior grade, **you must notify Mrs. Sherwood**. If the grade is for a college course, contact your UAA advisor once the grade has been posted on your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note, grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will not know if your grade changes unless you tell us.

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!

Withdrawing from AMCS: AMCS has a formal process to transfer out of the program that ensures the student is in good standing with UAA and AMCS. AMCS needs students to speak with their UAA advisor AND AMCS counselor before withdrawing from the program. The electronic [Withdrawal form](#) ensures textbooks are returned and no balances are on the student account. Please note, the form requires signatures from the advisor, counselor, student, and parent.

Spirit Wear

Get your AMCS spirit wear now, order directly from the company and have it delivered to your doorstep, [place your order](#).

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 UA Elmo.

For issues with a Chromebook or Canvas, contact ASD IT Service Desk at 907-742-4357 from 8 AM-5 PM, M-F.

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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

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



Buy: Yearbooks are available for purchase! [Click here](#) to purchase your 22-23 AMCS Yearbook today; they are \$55. Seniors wanting to purchase a 21-22 yearbook may do so; there are a few copies left. See Ms. Michele, our Administrative Assistant of Finance, to purchase yours for the discounted price of \$20.

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. 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 02/01/2023.

Fall Sports and Fair Photos: At AMCS we rely on our students to submit photos for our yearbook so we can feature you and your experience in the program! [Use this link](#) to submit photos of your fall sports or pictures at the fair. These photos can have students from other schools featured.

Social Media

Parents and students, please join our social media platforms for information regarding graduation, student opportunities, school closures, and more!

Facebook: [Alaska Middle College School](#)

Instagram: [@alaska.middle.college](#)

**ASD Advisory Classes December 19-21**

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.

UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements**UAA Tom Case Leadership Academy Announced**

Please congratulate our AMCS students who were accepted into the Tom Case Leadership Academy at UAA this academic year:

Arwen Campbell	Lea Mennen	Luna Shiok
Julius Hackney	Robert Morgan	Nina Spight
Brooklyn Johnson	Evelyn Robbins	Loretta Ueselani
Octavia Knox	Mariam Sharife	Kailen Veas-Spencer
Zoe McDonald		Julia Wagner

Required Title IX Training for all UAA students

As a UAA student, you are required to complete a safety training called Title IX. Students can access TITLE IX training in UAOnline under Student Services & Account Information, and then Student Training. Select UA Safe Title IX Training to redirect to the TITLE IX training modules in BlackBoard. Once you are in BlackBoard, select Training to launch the modules. You will get a Certificate of Completion once you are done. Your TITLE IX must be done to be eligible to register for SP23 classes. **If you were at the AMCS Zoom TITLE IX training, you do not need to complete the modules in UAOnline/BlackBoard.**

Midterm Progress Reports

Each semester UAA Middle College advisors send out Progress Report forms for students to complete and submit back to their advisor. Progress Reports are due in a digital format that requires students to upload a screenshot of their UAOnline and/or Blackboard grades, complete a degree audit in DegreeWorks, list their remaining high school graduation requirements, and outline which college classes they desire to take for spring 2023. Many college professors will submit midterm grades to UAOnline between October 14 and October 21. Please submit your progress report by 11:59 PM Sunday, October 23, 2022. **Progress Reports and Title IX training must be submitted BEFORE scheduling spring 2023 advising appointments.** If you schedule an appointment without completing the requirements, your appointment will be canceled. Middle College students will receive a link for the Midterm Progress Report form on Oct 14th!

SP22 Middle College Advising

SP22 Middle College advising appointments begin October 25, 2021, when the SP22 UAA schedule goes live. Schedule your SP22 advising appointment so you can register as soon as non-degree-seeking students are eligible. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with their advisor. **Registration for SP22 non-degree seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 22, 2021, @ 12:01 AM.**

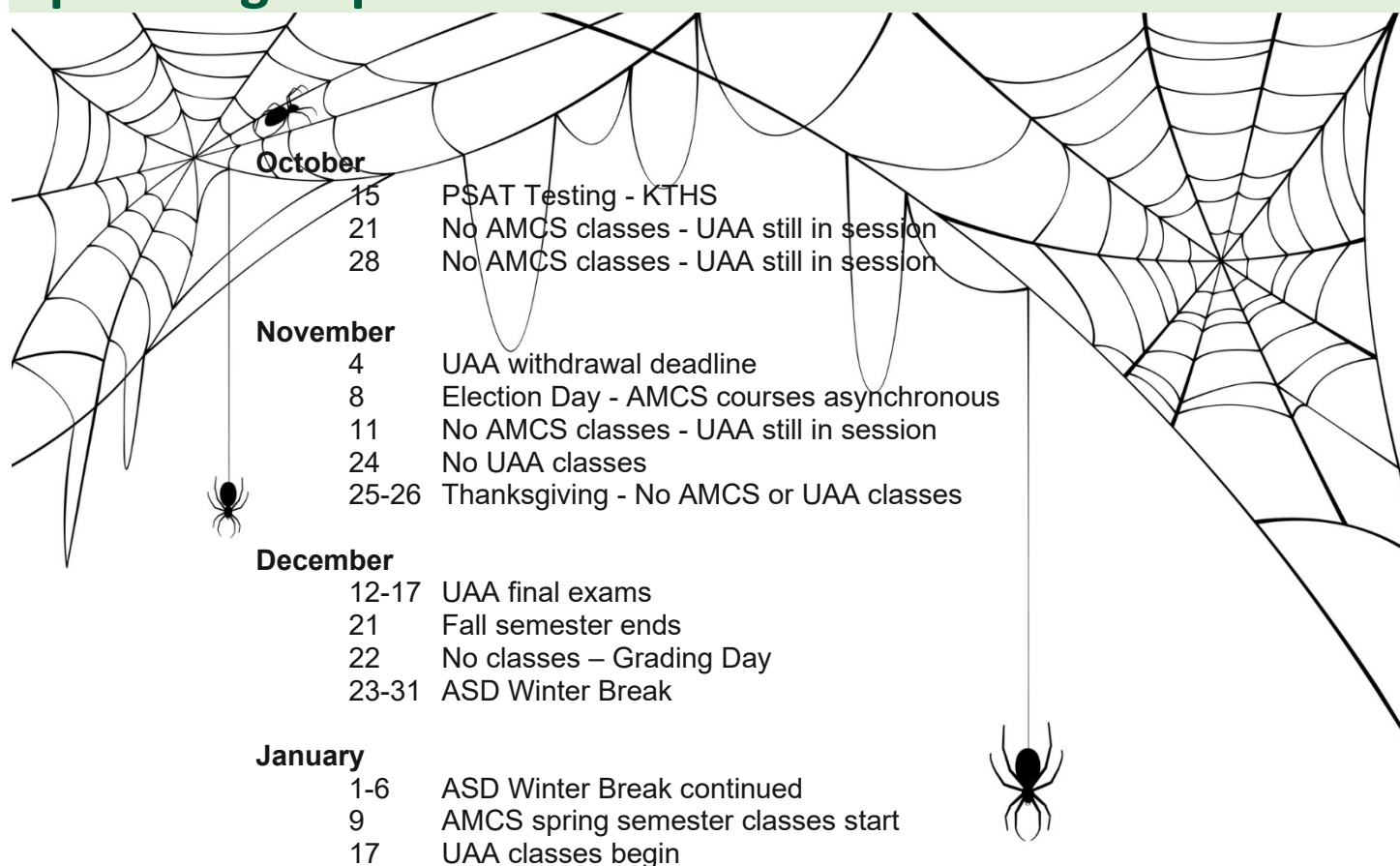
Middle College SP23 Advising Appointments & Registration

Middle College students will be able to meet with their Middle College advisor to determine their spring 2023 schedule beginning October 31, 2022, when the spring 2023 UAA schedule goes live. However, students can schedule their advising appointment ahead of time if they completed all the requirements. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account and be unable to register for classes until they have submitted their progress report form, completed their Title IX training, and met with their Middle College advisor. **Registration for spring 2023 non-degree seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 28, 2022, @ 12:01 AM.**



Participation Type	Available to AMCS students at UAA
College Sports	No - Only degree-seeking students have access to play collegiate sports
Intramural Sports	Yes - but if you plan to play college sports when you graduate high school, then you need to verify that this will not interfere with NCAA eligibility
Recreational facilities	Yes - but you will need to pay the additional fee to access the gym, pool, workout room, and weight rooms. AMCS does not pay for this fee on your behalf
Activities	Depends! Activities that require students to swipe their WOLFcard or show proof of age may not be accessible to AMCS students.
Student Clubs	Yes - this is a great way to connect with other UAA students who share your interests. Visit https://uaa.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations and type in the word "Club" to see the list of clubs at UAA
Student Organizations	No - There are several student organizations (USUAA, Greek life, etc.) prohibited to AMCS students due to adult-related interactions, degree-seeking status, or other designations. AMCS encourages students to seek out student organizations at AMCS or their affiliate high school.
ROTC	No - ROTC is a collegiate-level organization. AMCS students are encouraged to participate in JROTC at their affiliate high school
Employment	No - Employment opportunities are prioritized for students 18 and over and degree-seeking students.

Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester



October	
15	PSAT Testing - KTHS
21	No AMCS classes - UAA still in session
28	No AMCS classes - UAA still in session
November	
4	UAA withdrawal deadline
8	Election Day - AMCS courses asynchronous
11	No AMCS classes - UAA still in session
24	No UAA classes
25-26	Thanksgiving - No AMCS or UAA classes
December	
12-17	UAA final exams
21	Fall semester ends
22	No classes – Grading Day
23-31	ASD Winter Break
January	
1-6	ASD Winter Break continued
9	AMCS spring semester classes start
17	UAA classes begin

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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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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.