



# Seawolf Soundbites

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## The Den Administration Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Transportation

AMCS busing to and from the UAA campus has been problematic since the start of the school year. ASD Transportation Department is experiencing significant staffing issues due to COVID cases and lack of drivers. These factors will make busing problematic throughout the school year. We are close to finalizing the busing schedule, but please understand families may need to make alternate plans to ensure their student arrives at their classes and back home. Please check the AMCS website for the updated schedule at the end of the week.

### Masking

A friendly reminder, ASD staff, students, and visitors must properly wear a face mask at all times while at KTHS and on the UAA campus. Students who are not complying with this requirement may be instructed to make changes to meet masking expectations. Refusals to comply or repeated requests to properly wear a mask may lead to students being asked to leave the class and referred to the discipline office, sent home, or removed from the program.

### School Pictures

Did you miss getting your 2021 school picture taken during orientation? Not happy with the picture? Picture Retake Day is **Wednesday, October 6** at KTHS from 10:30-11:30 am. **Students getting retakes need to bring back their original package for the photographer to scan at the camera.** This is your last chance, so mark your calendar today.

### Communications and Student Expectations

Big shout out to the Fall 2021 new student cohort for assisting in creating our [AMCS Community Standards!](#) These standards provide expectations on how our students, teachers, and staff perform and conduct themselves in the AMCS program.

### Pack News

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## FAQs

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

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

Home school = AMCS

### **FAQ Question: How many students are in AMCS for Fall 2021?**

- 231 (127 seniors and 104 juniors)
- 161 females and 70 males

**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, 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) which the student earned "D," "F," or "W" before attempting new courses
- No single course enrollment
- Maintain full-time status in program (six high school classes)
- Attend advisory one time per week

## Registrar's Range

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 sign. 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, and it saves everybody time!

## Spirit Wear

Get your AMCS spirit wear now, order directly from the company and have it delivered 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.

## Pack News Program Pack Leaders' Announcements

### Coordinator's Cache

Parent Check-In: The school year is off, and students are hitting the books. The AMCS staff would like to invite parents to a Parent Check-In webinar on September 28 at 6 pm. Parents will learn about AMCS students' experiences and concerns regarding their classes and the AMCS program. Invitations will go out via email the week of September 13. Reserve the date now!

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs: This school year, AMCS students may now enroll in CTE programs at KTHS and will be given priority enrollment over new students. KTHS offers programs from Aviation Technology to Veterinary Assisting, please see [a complete list of KTHS programs](#). Some programs have direct connections to UAA programs, such as KTHS Aviation Ground School is a prerequisite to UAA's Professional Piloting program. KTHS Certified Nursing Assistant program provides opportunities to earn college credit and professional certification. If you are interested in these programs for the spring semester, contact Mrs. Sherwood for information and learn how to connect to the program.

### Counselor's Cave

PSAT: The date is October 13. Information will be coming soon!

Letter of Recommendation: Get your requests for your [Letter of Recommendation](#) to your counselor and teachers now.

Seniors: Josten's will be coming to Senior Advisory Sessions on 9/10 & 9/17. Graduation will be here before you know it.

## UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

### 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. Therefore, the Middle College staff will be sending out media release forms via DocuSign for students and parents to complete this form (parent/guardian is required to sign if the student is a minor). Please complete and sign as soon as possible.

### Required Title IX Training for all UAA students

As a UAA student, you 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 Zoom training session exclusively offered to Middle College students (on September 17 from 9am-10am). Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Zoom training.

### Five-Week Check-in Survey is Coming Soon!

Every year we seek to improve how we support and prepare Middle College students for the first five weeks of school. One of the ways we do this is by receiving students' feedback on their experience. Students, please be on the lookout for the Middle College five-week check-in survey on September 24, via email.

### WolfCard

Is your WolfCard not working? Call UAA IT Services for TECH support at 786-4646 option 2.

## Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

### September

3	UAA add/drop deadline
4	UAA withdrawal period begins
6	Labor Day -No ASD or UAA classes

### October

6	Picture Retake Day at KTHS
15	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
22	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
29	UAA withdrawal deadline

### November

11	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
24	No UAA classes
25-26	Thanksgiving – No AMCS or UAA classes

### December

6-11	UAA final exams
16	AMCS classes end
17	No classes
20-31	ASD Winter Break



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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.