



AMCS
ALASKA MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOOL

2023-24 Information Night

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What is Alaska Middle College School?

Collaboration

Collaboration between Anchorage School District and the University of Alaska Anchorage

Dual Enrollment Program

Earns both high school and college credit

Goals

Provide transition support for students completing college credits while still in high school & meeting high school graduation requirements.

Outcome #1

Complete high school diploma requirements using a combination of college and high school credits.

Outcome #2

Completion of college courses and earning college credits.



Who should apply?

Juniors and Seniors (fall) who are:

- **Ready** to step into a college environment
 - Studying alongside the regular college population
- **Ready** to accept college-level independence
 - Demonstrates maturity, responsibility & independence
- **Demonstrates** academic preparedness
 - Qualify to enroll in college-level math **and/or** writing.
 - HS GPA 2.5 or higher
 - Maintains a strong attendance record



Who covers the cost?

Anchorage School District Covers

- UAA tuition, fees, and textbooks
- Bus transportation (when budget/staffing allows)
- High school staff

Anchorage School District Does **NOT** Cover

- Personal use items
 - (lab goggles, lab coats, etc.)
- Internet
- UAA parking permit
- Summer courses and specific elective courses

High School Primary v. Affiliate Enrollment

Degree Track: AMCS is the primary enrollment

- AMCS issues diploma
- AMCS determines Honor Grad status
- AMCS counselor is assigned to the student
- AMCS sponsors a yearbook, senior awards ceremony, and graduation ceremony
- AMCS students can maintain involvement with their affiliate school (with limitations)
 - Classes: theater, choir, immersion, and ROTC
 - Student Life: athletics and dances, including prom
 - Graduation: may walk at the affiliate school's graduation ceremony

Certificate Track: Affiliate H.S. is primary enrollment

- Affiliate school issues diploma
- Affiliate school determines Honor Grad status
- No assigned counselor through AMCS
- Affiliate school sponsors graduation ceremony

Can AMCS students play sports?

- Students can participate at their affiliate high school
- **ALL** ASAA athletic eligibility rules apply
- Students must have a full schedule (the equivalent of 3.0 HS credits each semester)
- Eligibility is determined on a **SEMESTER** basis through **AMCS**
 - Student cannot regain athletic eligibility at the quarter since UAA does not issue quarter grades



University of Alaska Anchorage

Transfer Credits

- Transferability of credits is determined by the accepting university
- UAA AMCS advisor works with students to align courses.
- Important to keep all UAA course syllabi
- First-Year freshmen v. transfer student
- [To look at transfer credit](#)

Activities at UAA

- Must be 18 to participate in university clubs, sports, and activities
- Must be 18 to work as a student worker

Campus Safety

- Always be cautious and follow University safety guidelines
- AMCS students are in classes with the normal university population
- Students should report any unwanted, inappropriate, or questionable behaviors to Middle College staff member
- Study groups should take place on campus or online

Schedule: College - Degree

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
8:30 am – 9:45 am	WRTG A111 Distance Blackboard				
10:00 am – 11:15 am		MATH A151 RH 211		MATH A151 RH 211	
11:30 am – 12:45 pm					
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm		UNIV A150 Distance WEB			
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm					

Schedule: College - Degree + High School

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11:30 am – 12:45 pm		LA Advisory			
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm		UNIV A150 Distance WEB	Math Advisory		
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm					

Schedule: College + High School + **Affiliate School**

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Orchestra	Orchestra		Orchestra	Orchestra
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11:30 am – 12:45 pm	WRTG A111 Distance Blackboard	LA Advisory			
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Schedule: College Certificate

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
8 – 10:50 am	Three classes at home high school				
		Transfer to KTHS		Transfer to KTHS	
11:30 am – 12:20 pm		AMCS Advisory KTHS		AMCS Advisory KTHS	
12:20 – 1:20 pm	DA A103 Auxiliary Professions (1) – web class				
		Transfer to home high school		Transfer to home high school	
3:30 – 5 pm					DN A101 Essentials to Dentistry (3) - online

Schedule: College Certificate - CNA

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
8 – 10:50 am	Three classes at home high school				
9:50 am	Transfer to KTHS				
11:30 am – 1:20 pm	HCA A105 Certified Nursing Assistant (6) - traditional				
1:20	Transfer to home high school				

What are Advisories and Seminars?

Advisories: Math, Science and Writing

- High school support for college enrollment
- Attendance is required first semester, subsequently may be required based on grades
- .5 elective credit and Pass/Fail
- Course expectations are determined by the teacher
- Dedicated space to college work
- Academic support by a certified ASD teacher

Seminars: Junior and Senior

- Junior Seminar (spring semester)
 - Career exploration and career identification
 - What are the education requirements for the career?
 - What are the top three universities/colleges?
 - How is this going to be financed?
- Senior seminar (fall semester)
 - Submitting college and scholarship applications
 - Prepare for financial aid application

How do we determine fulltime status?

A student is enrolled in **three** college classes (9 college credits) which equals 3 high school credits.

Credit issued by college	Credit equivalency for ASD
1-2 college credit course	.5 ASD credit
3-4 college credit course (<i>most courses</i>)	1.0 ASD credit
5-6 college credit course	1.5 ASD credit

College Course	College Credits	High School Requirement	High School Credits
HIST A131 OR A132	3	US History	1
WRTG A111	3	ENGLISH III or IV	1
PS A101 OR A102	3	US Government SS Elective	.5 .5

Application Process



Step 1: Complete Applications and Set UAA Password.

For instructions on how to apply go to AMCS and UAA, <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/16147>.

Step 3: Application Review & Notice of Invite via Email

Step 2: Complete Placement Tests and Agreement Forms

Step 4: Advising appointment and orientation



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