

Alaska Middle College School

Information Night
October 15, 2019





UAA Anchorage Campus



What is **Alaska Middle College School?** (AMCS)

- Dual enrollment with UAA and ASD
- Goals - Transition support for students completing college credit while still in high school & meeting grad. requirements
- Outcomes
 - Completion of high school diploma requirements
 - Completion of college course credits
 - **Potential** to earn a UAA Associate of Arts Degree

AMCS Program Overview

Dual Enrollment at AMCS

Extracurricular Activities

Transportation

Attendance & Maintaining Eligibility

Advising & Scheduling

Bootcamp

Parent's Role at AMCS

Next Steps

Who Covers the Cost?

ASD pays for

- UAA Tuition & Fees
- Books
- Bus Transportation
- High School Support Staff

*Summer courses and certain elective courses are not covered by ASD.

Who should consider applying?

ASD Juniors and Seniors who are:

- Ready to step into a college environment
- Ready to accept college-level independence
- Qualify to take college-level math *and/or* English

What does *ready* mean?

- Shows academic preparedness
- Maintains strong attendance record
- Demonstrates maturity, responsibility & independence

High School Primary v. Affiliate Enrollment

- AMCS is primary enrollment for student:
 - Diploma issued from AMCS
 - Honor Grad status through AMCS
 - Assigned counselor through AMCS
- Students can maintain involvement with affiliate school:
 - Social activities
 - Athletics
 - Prom
 - Yearbook
 - Graduation ceremony

Can students still play sports?

- Students can participate in athletics at their affiliate high school
- All ASAA athletic eligibility rules apply
- Athletic eligibility is only determined on a semester basis through AMCS
 - Student cannot regain athletic eligibility at the quarter because UAA does not issue quarter grades

Student Life Opportunities at AMCS

- Yearbook
- Improv Club
- Participation at affiliate high schools



Anchorage School District

2019-20 School Year Calendar*

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
July						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August

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September

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29	30					

October

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

November

JULY

4 Independence Day holiday

AUGUST

- 15 Teachers' first day
- 16-19 State released professional development days**
- 27 Classes begin for Preschool/Kindergarten*

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day holiday**

OCTOBER

- 15 State released professional development day End of first quarter**
- 20 Parent/Teacher conference days
- 25 State released professional development day**

NOVEMBER

- 11 State released professional development day**
- 28-29 Thanksgiving holiday**

DECEMBER

- 15 Classes end
- 20 State released grade reporting day; End of second quarter**
- 23-31 Winter break**

JANUARY

- 1-3 Winter break (cont.)**
- 4 Classes begin
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

FEBRUARY

- 12-13 Parent/Teacher conference days
- 15 State released professional development day**
- 17 Presidents Day holiday**

MARCH

- 15 State released grade reporting day; End of third quarter**
- 9-13 Spring Break**

S M T W T F S

January

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February


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27	28	29						

March

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31					

April

	1	2	3	4				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24							


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Fall 2019 – Priority Registration

March 22, 2019	Fall 2019 Schedule view date
March 29	Admitted graduate students
April 1	Admitted seniors (90+ credits)
April 2	Admitted juniors (60-89 credits)
April 3	Admitted sophomores (30-59 credits)
April 4	Admitted freshman (0-29 credits)
April 8	Students with pending fall admission applications
April 15	Open registration

Academic Dates and Deadlines

August 26	Instruction begins Add/drop period begins Credit-to-audit period begins
September 2	No class day - Labor Day - UAA closed
September 5	Faculty approval required to add classes
September 6, 5 p.m.	Add/drop deadline Credit/no-credit deadline Credit-to-audit deadline
September 7	Withdrawal period begins online
September 16, 5 p.m.	Payment deadline, \$125 assessed
October 25	Spring 2020 schedule goes live
October 28	Deadline to register for independent and directed studies; practicum, internship, research, and thesis courses; and continuous registration Open-entry class registration deadline
November 1	Withdrawal deadline
November 4	\$175 late fee assessment
November 15	Deadline to apply for fall 2019 graduation and be included in the commencement program
November 27- December 1	No class days - Thanksgiving holiday - UAA closed
December 6	Deadline to apply for fall graduation
December 9-14	Final exams
December 15	Commencement for summer and fall 2019 graduates
December 19	Grades available on UAOnline
December 24, 2019 – January 1, 2020	No class days - Winter Break - UAA closed

Deadlines are for full-semester length classes. For classes with irregular start or end dates, the 100 percent refund period ends at 5:00 p.m. five business days after the published class start day.

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- ASD Calendar
- UAA Calendar
- UAA Middle College Handbook
- ASD Student Handbook
- UAA Student Code of Conduct
- Examples: In-Service Days & Closure Days

How does **Transportation** work?

Bus routes

Affiliate School → King Tech HS →
UAA Main Campus

Parking is by permit on Main Campus

Application Process





Application and Application Process

The Spring 2020 Application Window will be open from October 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019.

After you've completed the first part of the Application process below, and while you're waiting for your UAA ID, please use that time to direct your School Counselor and a Teacher to the Counselor & Teacher Recommendation link on our website. Recommendations are a required component of the Application and the more time your recommenders have to complete the forms, the better!

Also, please consider these questions before beginning the application:

- Why do you want to attend AMCS?
- Do you feel prepared to take on the rigors of college-level classes?
- What does professionalism mean to you? What is your definition of employability skills?
- Do you feel your transcript reflects your academic ability?

AMCS Pre-Application Process

Please complete the following steps before beginning the Spring 2020 application.

Applicants will need a UAA Student ID # to complete the AMCS application. If you don't have a UAA ID #, please follow the UAA Student ID instruction below BEFORE beginning the AMCS 2020 application process, as acquiring an ID Number may take up to 3 days.

* Required

Email address *

Your email

Student Name *

Last Name, First Name

Your answer

<https://amcs.asdk12.org/>

AMCS Spring 2020 Application

You will need your UAA student ID# in order to complete the AMCS Application. If you have not applied to UAA to receive your UAA student ID# please follow the link and go back to the AMCS Pre-Application <https://forms.gle/XSC8gQHLN6BPg7fZ8>

This Application must be filled out jointly by student and parent/guardian. Recommended time to complete is 30-45 minutes. You **MUST** complete the entire application in order to submit your information. Do not complete the application twice.

Email address *

Valid email address

This form is collecting email addresses. [Change settings](#)

UA ID Number *

Short answer text

Accuplacer & ALEKS Testing



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Testing Opportunities

UAA Placement Assess Accuplacer

UAA uses Accuplacer, a computerized placement test, to determine if students are only permitted to register for English courses at the level indicated by the student's Accuplacer, ACT or SAT scores.

Opportunities to take Accuplacer:

- Students will need to bring their high school ID or a government issued ID, such as a driver's license.
- Students will need to be prepared to use their ASD ID numbers.
- The Anchorage School District covers the fee for AMCS applicants to take the Accuplacer. Applicants will **not** be required to pay the testing fee.
- Register here: [Accuplacer Registration](#)
 - Choose 'Anchorage School District - Alaska Middle College'
 - Choose Group: Alaska Middle College
 - Choose Exam: Alaska Middle College - Anchorage
 - Choose Date
 - Choose Time

Overview

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AMC ALEKS Guide Update

Signing up for the ACCUPLACER & ALEKS

- [Anchorage School District - Alaska Middle College](#)

Signing up for the ACCUPLACER

- Choose Alaska Middle College
- Must be taken at UAA Testing Center, proctored
- Located in the UAA University Center

Signing up for the ALEKS

- Must fill out UAA Secondary Student Application and get UA ID and password to take the ALEKS test
- Date/time selection available in AMCS application
- The ALEKS test will be proctored by ASD staff at UAA

How will I know if I am **accepted**?

- Once a completed application is submitted, students will be **notified by email** within seven business days.
- Students have **three business days** to reply and accept admission to AMCS.
- Next steps...
 - Induction
 - UAA Advising

Scheduling Classes



UAA Advising

- Once students have been formally accepted, they should schedule an appointment with a UAA AMCS Academic Advisor:

Middle College Advisor

Heather Brekke: hlbrekke@alaska.edu

Middle College Advisor

Tamika Dowdy: tfdowdy@alaska.edu

High School & College Class **Expectations**

High school meeting times will occur during the four regular time blocks from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm.

College meeting times and requirements may be outside of the school day and require attendance at non-traditional times.

ie) Tutoring center, testing center, evening lectures, evening library time, group meetings

Schedule: **College**

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
8:30 am – 9:45 am					
10:00 am – 11:15 am		MATH A151 72057		MATH A151 72057	
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	WRTG A111 76061		WRTG A111 76061		
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm		UNI A150 71742		UNI A150 71742	
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm					

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

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2:30 pm – 3:45 pm					

What are the LA & Math **Advisories**?

- High school support for college enrollment
- Attendance is required first semester
- Credit class – .5 elective credit
- 90% Attendance requirement to pass
- Pass/fail
- Dedicated space to complete college work
- Academic support by certificated ASD teacher

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

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How do we determine full-time status?

A student is considered a full time high school student when enrolled in

- **Six** semester-long high school classes (3 HS credits)
- or*
- **Three** 3-credit college classes (3 HS 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

*Full time status is required to attend AMCS

How do transcripts work?

- College transcript through UAA
- High school transcript through ASD

College Course	College Credits	High School Requirement	High School Credits
HIST A131 OR HIST A132	3	US History	1
WRTG A111	3	ENGLISH 3 or ENGLISH 4	1
PS A101 OR PS A102	3	US Government SS Elective	.5 .5

Activities at UAA

- Middle College students are not permitted to participate in university clubs, sports, and certain activities
- Middle College students are not permitted to work as student worker on campus



Campus Safety

- AMCS students are in classes with the normal university population
- Students should report any unwanted, inappropriate, or questionable behaviors to a Middle College staff member
- Study groups should take place on campus

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Can students still apply for AMCS this year?

Yes. The application process is outlined on the website under the tab "Apply Now": [https://www.alaskamiddlecollege.edu/apply-now](#)

Can AMCS students walk in the graduation ceremony at their affiliate school?

Yes. Students will earn an ASD high school diploma from AMCS. Students will commute to their affiliate school and may also participate in their affiliate high school graduation as per ASD specifications.

Can AMCS students participate in the athletics programs at their affiliate school?

Yes. Students can participate in a sports program with their affiliate school. All ASAA eligibility requirements still apply. If a student is interested in participating in athletics, they should discuss their intent during the meeting with their AMCS UAA academic advisor and their affiliate school counselor so they are not scheduled in late afternoon classes.

Can AMCS students attend dances at their affiliate school?

Yes. AMCS students are allowed to participate in extracurricular activities at their affiliate school. In addition to being issued a Wolf Card, each AMCS student will be issued an ID card for their affiliate school.

Can AMCS students attend sports competitions at their affiliate school?

Yes. AMCS students should also be allowed to purchase an activity sticker from their affiliate school.

Where to Find More Information

School Website:

www.asdk12.org/amcs

On Facebook:

www.facebook.com/akmiddlecollege

On Instagram:

[alaska.middle.college](https://www.instagram.com/alaska.middle.college)

Questions

