

High School  
Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Student & Parent  
Nights

**Service**

8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent night  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm

**Online Zone Exemption  
& Lottery System:**

[www.asdk12.org/welcome/lottery/](http://www.asdk12.org/welcome/lottery/)  
Deadline: March 19<sup>th</sup> by 5pm

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An 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Hanshew  
Student Guide  
to ASD  
High School  
Programs



For more information:  
<https://apps.asdk12.org/forms/uploads/HSprogram.pdf>

## South High School

### **Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway**

The Project Lead the Way Pathway to Engineering program is a sequence of courses, which follows a proven hands-on, real world problem solving approach to learning. Students learn and apply the design process, acquire strong teamwork and communication proficiency and develop organizational, critical-thinking and problem solving skills. PTE courses complement traditional mathematics and science courses and is designed to prepare students to pursue a post-secondary education and careers in STEM-related fields. (Lottery Program)

Contact: South HS 742-6200

### **AP Capstone Program**

AP Capstone is a new diploma program that supplements AP courses and focuses on scholarly research and teamwork. To earn the diploma, students must complete two newly designed AP classes, AP Seminar as a sophomore or junior and AP Research in the following year. Students must also take any other four AP courses at any time in their high school career.

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### **Aviation Science Program**

Aviation Science take a whole new twist at South Anchorage High School. Students learn all aspects of aviation as it relates to commercial licensing of professional Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) pilots. Learn, discuss, and fly your way to a professional license with this cutting edge nation-leading flight program.

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## Service High School

### **Service Biomedical Career Academy (BCA)**

The Biomedical Career Academy at Service aims to prepare students for a successful career in the healthcare industry. Classes focus heavily on rigorous academics within a traditional curriculum, integrating healthcare and medically based activities within the classroom and community. Students have the option of preparing themselves for a position directly after high school within a healthcare setting and/or focus on preparation for a traditional college degree. (Lottery Program)

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### **Service High Seminar School (TSS)**

The Seminar School serves 250 students and is characterized by the use of the Socratic seminar method, a strong sense of community and a learning environment that emphasizes independence, trust, personal responsibility and an open mind. The TSS curriculum is built on the consideration of classic texts that span the history and breadth of human experience. Students of the Seminar School are diverse in character and ability and work together in a multi-grade setting (9-12) for a portion of their classes. Students can fulfill all language arts and social studies requirements along with some science and math requirements through TSS classes. (Lottery Program)

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## Dimond High School

### **Engineering Academy**

The DHS Engineering Academy is designed to prepare for a two-year or a four-year engineering degree program. Five engineering courses follow the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum that may qualify for articulated agreements with universities in Alaska and across the United States. Engineering Academy courses are project-based. Students are connected with engineering professors at UAA and with engineers in businesses that serve on the Engineering Academy Advisory Council(Lottery Program)

Contact: Dimond HS:742-7000

### **Japanese Immersion Program**

The Japanese Immersion Program begins at Sand Lake Elementary, continues through Mears Middle School and finishes at Dimond High School. Students who did not attend through middle school may be considered for the Dimond Japanese Immersion program through a language test placement and interview process. (Lottery Program)

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## West High School

### **International Baccalaureate Program:**

The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous two-year college preparatory set of classes for juniors and seniors offered at West High School only.

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### **West Highly Gifted Program**

The Highly Gifted Program at West High School is designed for the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student whose educational needs cannot be met within the honors programs at high school level. The first two years of the program offers a smaller learning community through clustered core classes. The emphasis on critical thinking and writing skills encourages depth and breadth of knowledge in all content areas. The eligibility process begins in October of the students 8th grade year. Every middle school throughout ASD has a gifted contact person who brings forth the names of students who are eligible to apply to the HG Program based on achievement and ability test scores. Parents are notified by postal mail.

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### **West Medical Academy Program**

The West Medical Academy is part of the ASD Healthcare Academy, focused on providing high school preparatory courses in healthcare. Hand-on curriculum are a key part of the program and are developed with industry and post-secondary partners.

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## West High School (cont.)

### **Spanish Immersion Program**

The Spanish Immersion Program begins at Government Hill, continues through Romig Middle School and finishes at West High School. Native speakers who did not attend through middle school may be considered for the West High immersion program through a language test placement and interview process.

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### **Russian Immersion Program**

The Russian Immersion Program begins at Turnagain Elementary, continues through Romig Middle School and finishes at West High School. Native speakers who did not attend through middle school may be considered for the West High immersion program through a language test placement and interview process. Contact: [hess\\_nadejda@asdk12.org](mailto:hess_nadejda@asdk12.org)

## Eagle River High School

### **The PLTW Pathway To Engineering (PTE)**

This pathway is a sequence of courses, which follows a proven hands-on, real-world problem-solving approach to learning. Throughout PTE, students learn and apply the design process, acquire strong teamwork and communication proficiency and develop organizational, critical-thinking, and problem-solving skills. They discover the answers to questions like how are things made and what processes go into creating products. (Lottery Program)

Contact: 742-2700

## East High School

### **Elitnaurvik (EWE):**

Eltinaurvik-Within-East is designed specifically for Alaska Native and American Indian students. Eltinaurvik in Yupik means "a place to learn." EWE incorporates Native values and issues, and successfully addresses different learning styles in its activities, course offerings, and work components. EWE enjoys widespread support in the community. The primary emphasis is on building leadership through group participation, volunteerism, and empowering students to embrace their cultural heritage. Elitnaurvik provides culturally-based education counseling tutoring, and after-school activities.

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### **School-Within-A-School (SWS)**

School within a school is a cohesive learning community within East High School which provides a unique enhanced learning experience for self-directed students with an emphasis on independent thinking, integrated learning, and community development. SWS accomplishes this through a partnership of skilled, innovative teachers and staff, a small cohesive student population, and parental support. (Lottery Program)

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## Bartlett High School

### **Bartlett Medical Academy**

The Medical Academy at Bartlett will prepare students to enter the work force or college with preparation in various facets of the medical field. Classes in Anatomy, Physiology, Forensics, Medical Terminology, Health Occupations, and Sports Injury Management will be available to students through the academy. Students intern and shadow professionals at the Veterans Hospital next to the Bartlett campus for real life experience.

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## Chugiak High School

### **Spanish Immersion Program**

The Spanish Immersion Program begins at Chugiak Elementary, continues through Mirror Lake Middle School and finishes at Chugiak High School. Native speakers who did not attend through middle school may be considered for the program by a language test placement and interview process. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Contact: [marks\\_elizabeth@asdk12.org](mailto:marks_elizabeth@asdk12.org)  
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### **World Discovery Seminar School (WDS)**

The World Discovery Seminar Program is an alternative smaller learning community. Rather than relying on textbooks, the program employs the Paideia methodology, a Socratic-based learning technique focusing on in-depth understanding of primary text. (Lottery Program)  
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## Polaris K-12 School

Polaris K-12 is an optional K-12 school. This small learning community hosts 400 students and encourages independent learning, critical thinking and responsibility. Students are encouraged to find their voice and express their opinions. Intensives (multi-age, mini, two week electives) are offered between semesters. The unique K-12 ages allow older kids to model to younger kids. Polaris learners have the freedom and the responsibility to create their own unique educational options and become independent, life-long learners by taking an active role in their educational decisions, governance of their school and community service. (Lottery Program)

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## Steller Secondary School

Steller is an optional 7-12 secondary school that is dedicated to the creation of independent, courageous people capable of dealing with the shifting complexities of the modern world. Steller runs on the energy and excitement of people who have committed themselves to self-directed learning. With the support of parents and staff, Steller provide students with a humane education experience based upon freedom and responsibility. Steller philosophy is based on that every student should be free to establish his or her own path to becoming a more fully self-sufficient person. Students are responsible for defining their own educational goals, selecting or devising a course of study to achieve those goals, and working to fulfill those goals. Students are also responsible for assisting in the continuous evaluation of their performance in relation to those same goals. (Lottery Program)  
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## King Technical High School (Future Opportunity 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Career Center (KCC) rebranded into **Martin Luther King, Jr. Technical High School (King Tech)** by adding 300 full-time students. King Tech is a full-time school for ASD juniors and seniors that combines career technical education with regular core classes in a design-your-own-education format. Student and parents/guardians/mentors create a Personal Learning Plan to include high school graduation, preparation for college, trade school, apprenticeship, and/or career. King Tech also provides a ½ day option for interested juniors and seniors.

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## Alaska Middle College (Future Opportunity 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Alaska Middle College school is a collaboration between the Anchorage School district and University of Alaska Anchorage. Juniors and seniors are given an opportunity to earn college credit and high school credit at same time. College level classes are offered for high school students on UAA Chugiak-Eagle River Campus and taught by UAA faculty. The enrolled students can earn their high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree from UAA. Bus transportation is provided by ASD.

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