Information Night

January 22, 2019
University of Alaska 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 graduation requirements
- Outcomes
  - Completion of high school diploma requirements
  - Completion of college course credits
  - **Potential** to earn a UAA Associate of Arts Degree
Who Covers the **Cost**?

Anchorage School District pays for
- UAA Tuition & Fees
- Books
- Bus Transportation
- High School Staff

*Summer courses and certain elective courses are not covered by ASD.*
Who should consider applying?

ASD Sophomores and Juniors 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
- Graduation
- Participation at affiliate high schools
Dual Enrollment

**ASD and UAA**

AMCS students are both ASD & UAA students. They follow:

- 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
The FALL 2020 Application Window will be open from January 15, 2020 - May 21, 2020.
Please call the office at 786-7611 with any questions!

AMCS will not inform applicants of incomplete applications. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete. Please reference the checklist as you advance through the application process.

**AMCS Application Checklist**

- I have my UAA Student ID#
- I have my UAA user name & password
- Completed the AMCS Application
- Requested recommendations from both my Counselor & a Teacher
- Scheduled my ALEKS placement test
- Scheduled my ACCUPLACER placement test
- Received email confirmation of Application submission
AMCS 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#, view the UAA Non-Degree Seeking Application Instructions for assistance completing the UAA application. For further assistance please contact our office 907-786-4347.

This Application must be filled out by the student and parent/guardian. Recommended time to complete is 30-45 minutes. You MUST complete the entire application in order to submit your information. Your responses are automatically saved as you advance through each page and you are welcome to leave and return to an unfinished application USING THE SAME DEVICE from which you started.

PRIORITY DEADLINE MARCH 1ST, 2020

The Application Process includes the following components:
- AMCS Application
- Placement tests (Accuplacer & Aleks)
- Counselor and Teacher Recommendations
- UAA ID #, username, and password
*Exchange students are not eligible to enroll at AMCS.
Accuplacer & ALEKS Testing

Testing Opportunities

UAA Placement Assessment

Accuplacer

UAA uses Accuplacer, a computerized placement test. All 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
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
Middle College Priority Application Deadline

March 1, 2020
How will I know if I am accepted?

• Notification of application decisions will begin after March 1. Students will be notified by email.
• Students have three business days to reply and accept admission to AMCS.
• Next steps…
  • Induction
  • UAA Advising
  • Fall Orientation
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
Transfer Credits & The AA Degree

• Transferability of credits is determined by accepting university
  • Middle College advisor works with students to align courses
• Important to keep a copy of all UAA course syllabi for your records
• Associate of Arts is 60 credits
  • (34-37 GER credits)
  • Pros and cons to pursuing this degree
• First Year Freshmen or Transfer Student?

To look at transfer credit

UAA Institutional Accreditation by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
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
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What are the LA & Math **Advisories**?

- High school support for college enrollment
- Attendance is required first semester, subsequently may be required based on college grades
- Credit class – .5 elective credit
- Expectations for passing advisory classes are laid out in the syllabi
- Pass/fail
- Dedicated space to complete college work
- Academic support by certificated ASD teacher
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Single Course Enrollment

- AMCS Students may request to take one course at their affiliate school.
- Single course enrollments can be difficult to schedule and are often not possible.
- College courses and advisories will take scheduling priority over single course enrollments.
- To be approved, the requested course must not conflict with any other scheduled courses on any day of the week.
- If a student withdraws from or earns a grade of D or F in a college class, a single course enrollment will not be permitted the following semester.
- AMCS students are encouraged to take foreign languages, music, art, and other elective classes through UAA rather than as single course enrollments.
PE Options

• Apex - PE and health
• PE waivers from sports and ROTC
• Single course enrollment at affiliate school
• Self-pay for UAA PE class or First Aid class
• Summer school
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)

*Full time status is required to attend AMCS*

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How do transcripts work?

- College transcript through UAA
- High school transcript through ASD

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### Anchorage School District Student Transcript

#### Unweighted HS GPA:
- GPA: 3.80
- Credits Earned: 22.00
- Class Rank: 34 of 140

#### Weighted HS GPA:
- GPA: 3.80
- Credits Earned: 22.00
- Class Rank: 41 of 140

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### GPA & Class Rank

- Unweighted HS GPA: 3.80
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### High School Course Key:
- AP = Advanced Placement
- IB = International Baccalaureate
- OS = Credit Recovery

### High School Grading Key:
- A - Outstanding
- B+ - Excellent
- B - Proficient
- C - Satisfactory
- D - Some Credit
- F - Fail

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Parents - How to support your student

• ASD Q/UAA BlackBoard/UAOnline & Email
• Contact ASD staff with concerns/questions
• Review each syllabus and check in with them weekly
• Students should seek out feedback from their instructors & visit during office hours
• Middle College Midterm Reports / UAOnline
• Make sure your student has a Release of Information on file at UAA so you can speak with the advisors
Parents - How to support your student

• Encourage students to use University resources
  • UAA Advisor
  • Disability Support Services
  • Learning Resource Center
  • Library
  • Student Study Group
  • Open Labs
Activities at UAA

- Middle College students are not permitted to participate in university clubs, sports, and certain activities until they are 18
- Middle College students are not permitted to work as student worker on campus until they are 18

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
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 commence in the AMCS graduation 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 UAAN 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.

Can AMCS students receive academic awards or honor grad recognition from their affiliate school?
No. These recognitions will be awarded through AMCS. Similarly, AMCS students should not be included in the running for valedictorian or salutatorian at their affiliate school.

Can AMCS students qualify for the UA Scholars program at their affiliate school?
It depends. If they attend their affiliate school as a junior and fall within the top 10% of their class, they should be included when reporting to the UA Scholars program at the end of the school year. If they attend AMCS as a junior and they qualify amongst their AMCS cohort, they will be included in the submission from AMCS.

Do AMCS students have to pay for the college tuition or textbooks?
It depends. These costs are covered by ASD for most General Education Requirements (GERs). A list of approved UAA courses will be provided to students prior to registering for classes. Students can meet all ASD graduation requirements and potentially earn an Associates degree through courses on the approved list. Students can opt to register for classes not on the approved list; however, the student will be responsible for the course tuition and any associated textbooks. Registering for non-approved courses must be done in consultation with the AMCS counselor and the UAA Academic Advisor.

Can AMCS students take evening classes?
Yes, if they meet the minimum placement requirements. Please note, if the evening course uses a textbook different than the one for the daytime course, the student may have to cover the cost of the book.

Is bus transportation provided?
Yes. Students can take their regular bus route to their affiliate high school and catch the bus to the King Tech High School (formerly KCC). Students enrolled on Main Campus can catch a campus shuttle from KTHS. A more detailed description of the bus service, including departure and arrival times is available on the website.
Where to Find More Information...

School Website:
www.asdk12.org/amcs
On Facebook:
www.facebook.com/akmiddlec ollege
On Instagram:
alaska.middle.college
Help us spread the word about AMCS...

Tell all your friends, relatives, coworkers, or anyone else you think would benefit from this awesome opportunity!
Questions