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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 challenging throughout the school year.

Please visit the [AMCS Transportation webpage](#) for the updated bus schedule to UAA. Changes go into effect on October 4.

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 date is your last chance, so mark your calendar today.



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: Can students qualify for the Alaska Performance Scholarship? Yes

FAQ Question: Are college courses weighted for GPA? No, college courses have no extra weight in GPA calculations.

Pack News

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UHowls

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Important Dates

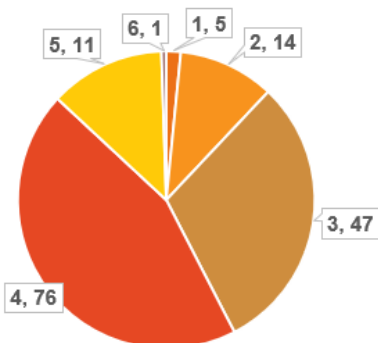
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Five-Week Check-In Survey

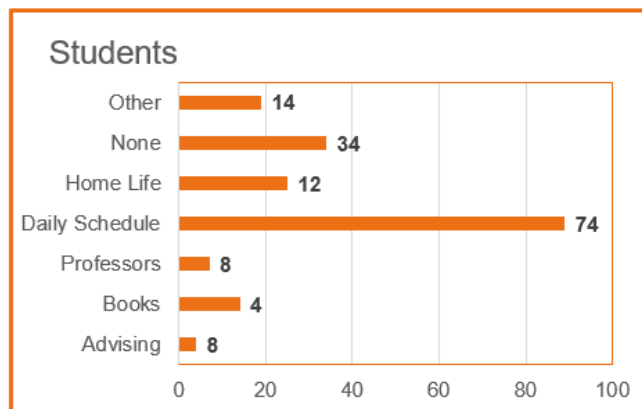
Students (155 responses)

How many college classes are you taking?

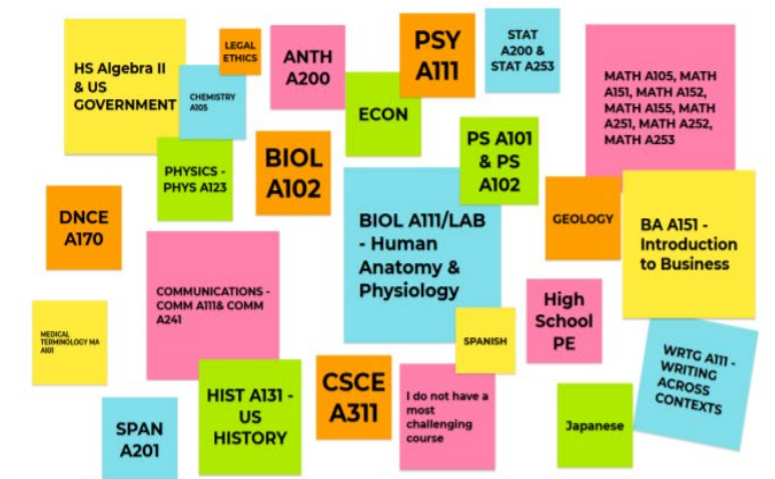
College Courses



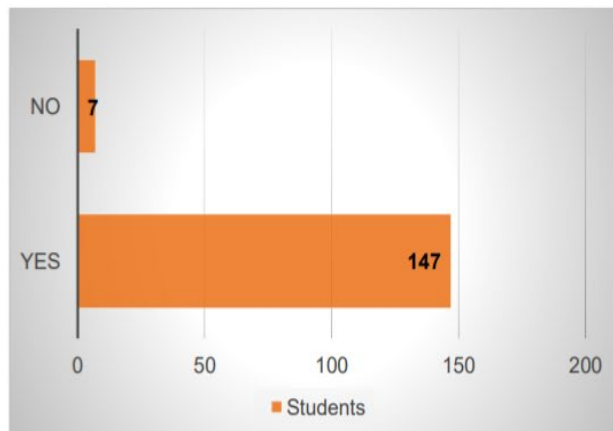
What is the biggest hurdle you faced in your first five weeks?

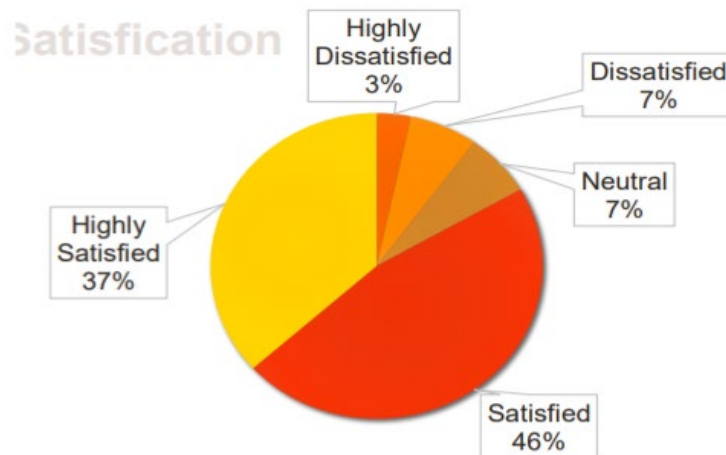


What is your most challenging course?



Are you confident you will pass all your classes with a "C" or better?



Parents (30 responses)**How satisfied are you with your student's experience at AMCS?****In your opinion, what is the best feature of AMCS?**

- Learning how college works. The hard way!
- Being able to pursue more rigorous courses without being constrained by the traditional high school pathway.
- Challenging kids to excel and go beyond traditional high school
- Earnings credits, student support, and schedule
- UAA
- Allows students to experience some of the challenges of transitioning to college while still at home with a great support network?
- How much my daughter has grown as a result of the support and high expectations of the program.
- The opportunity to experience college
- Flexibility
- In person classes
- The opportunity to take college classes at actual college-class speed, rather than across an entire school year
- Getting free college education
- SON ENJOYS THE PROGRAM AND COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SO FAR, PREPPING FOR FUTURE COLLEGE
- Challenging classes and support
- Taking college classes!
- Flexible scheduling
- Exploration of various courses in different degree fields
- Well supported transition to college courses
- College classes
- Collegiate credits
- Being able to take college courses while still in high school.
- The support while taking college courses.
- Schedule and types of classes.
- A good education for my child
- Flexibility, independence, the large number of online options
- It is challenging, encourages independence, earn high school and college credits, and the support she receives from her counselors
- College coursework
- Growing independence and clear expectations

Registrar's Range

Grade changes: If a course grade changed after grades appeared in your student account in Q, or you repeated a class to replace a prior grade, you must notify Mrs. Sherwood. If the grade is for a college course, contact your UAA advisor once the grade has posted your UAA transcript. Your advisor will share the updated grade information with AMCS. Please note, grade changes/replacements are a manual process, and we will not know when your grade changes.

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 to 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

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

Letter of Recommendation: It is [Letter of Recommendation](#) time! I love writing personalized letters; please fill out the form and email the completed form to me for me to do so.

Alaska Performance Scholarship: I will send out information about the Alaska Performance Scholarship in October as we schedule your Spring courses. Please check out the APS checklist and see if you are on target to earn this award on, [APS website](#).

PSAT: Unfortunately, AMCS will not be able to offer the PSAT testing this fall. Students wishing to take the test need to register with another testing site. Please visit [AMCS's PSAT website](#) for more information on where to take the test.

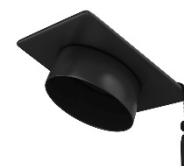
Year Book

- Senior Potraits due **November 19!**
- Yearbook is collecting photos for school sports, activities, pictures from the fair, and photos of students' arts and crafts.

For yearbook submissions, head to [Images.josten.com](https://images.josten.com) and input the User ID: **416224854**.

Graduation: Scott Brown attended senior advisories in September to help students prepare for cap and gown orders. **Your cap and gown orders are due by November 30.** If you have questions about your order, please reach out to Scott at (907) 567-8367.

As a reminder, students will need a cap, gown, tassel, and a stole for **each** ceremony that they plan on walking in. AMCS regalia is a black gown, black cap, green and gold tassel, and gold stole. Please contact your affiliate school for their colors or connect with Scott for this information.



Grant Opportunity: The Department of Labor administers several generous grant programs that assist with educational and equipment costs for students seeking training that can be completed in 2 years or less-- AVTEC, UAA Community and Technical College, most associate degree programs, as well as apprenticeship startup costs. The Department of Labor representative will be in the Career and College Resource Center at KTHS Thursday, October 7, for presentations during the AM (9-9:55) and PM (11:30-12:30) sessions. This grant does not need to be repaid. Any senior considering one of the above options or unclear about the next steps should attend one session to understand the programs better and start the qualification process.

UHowls UAA Pack Leaders' Announcements

UAA Tom Case Leadership Academy Announced

Please congratulate our AMCS students who were accepted into the Tom Case Leadership Academy at UAA this semester:

Akasha Wilson	Isabelle Fradley	Sef Follows
Akela Byrne	Kashia Goolsby	Sheila Tapio-Harper
Alyssa Flodin	Kyla Jarrell	Sondrea Manor
Arianna Alirez	Lucas Engel	Stanley Wu
Gavin Taylor	Pieter Goebel	Zoraleda Mendel

Middle College Advising

Required Title IX Training for all UAA students

As a UAA student, you must complete a safety training called Title IX. Students can access TITLE IX training in UAOnline under Student Services & Account Information, and then Student Training. Select UA Safe Title IX Training to redirect to the TITLE IX training modules in BlackBoard. Once you are in BlackBoard, select training to launch the modules. You will get a Certificate of Completion once you are done. Your TITLE IX must be done to be eligible to register for SP22 classes. **If you were at the AMCS Zoom TITLE IX training, you do not need to complete the modules in UAOnline/BlackBoard.**

Midterm Progress Reports

Each semester UAA Middle College advisors send out Progress Report forms for students to complete and submit back to their advisor. Progress Reports are due in a digital format that requires students to 1) upload a screenshot of their UAOnline and/or Blackboard grades, 2) complete a degree audit in DegreeWorks, 3) list their remaining high school graduation requirements, and 4) outline which college classes they desire to take for spring 2022. Many college professors will submit midterm grades to UAOnline between October 4 and October 15. Please submit your progress report by **Monday, October 18, 2021**. **Progress Reports must be submitted complete to schedule a SP22 advising appointment. If you schedule an appointment without having a completed progress report, your appointment will be canceled.**

SP22 Middle College Advising

SP22 Middle College advising appointments begin October 25, 2021, when the SP22 UAA schedule goes live. Schedule your SP22 advising appointment so you can register as soon as non-degree-seeking students are eligible. Middle College students will have an advising hold on their account until they have met with their advisor. **Registration for SP22 non-degree seeking Middle College students begins on Monday, November 22, 2021, @ 12:01 AM.**

UAA Clubs and Activities for AMCS Students

Participation Type	Available to AMCS students
College Sports	No - Only degree-seeking students have access to play collegiate sports
Intramural Sports	Yes - but if you plan to play college sports when you graduate high school, then you need to verify that this will not interfere with NCAA eligibility
Recreational facilities	Yes - but you will need to pay the additional fee to access the gym, pool, workout room, and weight rooms. AMCS does not pay for this fee on your behalf
Activities	Depends! Activities that require students to swipe their WOLFcard or show proof of age may not be accessible to AMCS students.
Student Clubs	Yes - this is a great way to connect with other UAA students who share your interests. Visit https://uaa.campuslabs.com/engage/organizations and type in the word "Club" to see the list of clubs at UAA
Student Organizations	No - There are several student organizations (USUAA, Greek life, etc.) prohibited to AMCS students due to adult-related interactions, degree-seeking status, or other designations. AMCS encourages students to seek out student organizations at AMCS or their affiliate high school.
ROTC	No - ROTC is a collegiate-level organization. AMCS students are encouraged to participate in JROTC at their affiliate high school
Employment	No - Employment opportunities are prioritized for students 18 and over and degree-seeking students.

Congratulations to our AMCS Orientation Picture Winners



Picture 1: Best Picture



Picture 2: Funniest Picture



Picture 3: Best Impromptu

Upcoming Important Dates Fall Semester

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
31	Halloween

November

11	No AMCS classes – UAA still in session
24	No UAA classes
22	Register for Spring UAA classes
25-26	Thanksgiving – No AMCS or UAA classes
30	Seniors: Cap and Gown order deadline

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.



OFFER
GRACE

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.