



Ready for the future

Education plays a vital role in preparing students in the Anchorage School District to become engaged, productive members of our culturally rich community. Our community envisions students empowered by real-world experiences with access to educational opportunities within and beyond the walls of school buildings. The Anchorage School District is boldly committed to transforming how we prepare students for life, college and careers within Alaska and across the globe.



College Ready

Over 70% of living wage jobs will require something beyond a high school diploma, we must ensure more students are academically prepared to access post-secondary learning opportunities such as college and technical training.



Career Ready

Anchorage’s economic future depends on a robust, innovative workforce, we must provide educational pathways for all students that lead to in-demand, high-wage career opportunities.



Life Ready

College and career readiness programs have long focused on academic knowledge and behaviors, but social skills, interpersonal skills, and transition skills are taught separately, we must integrate these skills that are critical to helping students navigate their paths through life.

Students will graduate with:

- Direct career and industry exposure
- Industry and college field trips
- Job shadowing experience
- Opportunities for junior- and senior-year internships
- Opportunities to earn college credits and industry credentials
- Opportunities to earn work experience through co-ops or apprenticeships
- Networking opportunities with local industry professionals
- Success skills and a plan after graduation

Is a 14-year-old expected to choose now what they want to do in life?

Nope. We want them to explore and experience as much as possible in high school so they can make informed choices about their post-high school futures, and wisely allocate their (your) time and money. If they decide they want to take a different career path, that’s ok! They’ll graduate from high school with skills that will supplement them in life/any career they choose.

Can a student change a pathway or academy?

Yes, at the end of their 10th grade year they can make a change. There is a thorough process in place involving parents, the student, counselors and teachers to help with this decision.

What if my student is enrolling at a new high school as a 10th, 11th or 12th grader?

Conversations will take place with the student, family and new school counselor to identify student interests and passions. Using that info and existing transcripts, the student will be placed into the correct academy.

What about advanced students on the college track?

In addition to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at West High School and Alaska Middle College School, the academies will offer honors, Advanced Placement, and dual enrollment opportunities. The goal is to increase the number of students taking advanced courses by increasing relevance and rigor in instructional practices.

How will the academies model change my student’s schedule?

High school students are currently on a 6-period block schedule. This is where the courses rotate throughout the week, giving students longer class periods to focus on the material.

A 7-period or 8-period schedule is recommended for the Academies model. A schedule change will enable students to graduate with up to eight additional classes providing opportunities to include more electives like AP, music, art, world language and IB classes, along with career-themed electives.



Anchorage School District
Educating All Students for Success in Life

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**Academies of
ANCHORAGE**

College, Career and Life Ready

What are the Academies of Anchorage?

There are **many different paths to success** for students. The Academies of Anchorage offer relevant learning experiences for all students that directly relate to our world today.

To put it simply – the Academies include a series of elective pathways high school students will take to help prepare them for college, career and life. A pathway is a sequence of courses within a chosen academy designed to help students prepare for a specific career area while meeting the mandatory requirements for high school graduation.

For Freshmen

As freshmen, all students will participate in the Freshman Academy. Students spend one semester of their freshman year taking a course to explore career possibilities and interests. They’ll also attend a career expo and visit a college campus.

For Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

At the end of freshman year, starting with the class of 2028, students will choose an academy pathway and continue to advance in their chosen pathway while building employability skills.

Students will take at least three elective courses in that chosen pathway during their 10-12 grade years. The electives will be paired with learning experiences that bring business, trade and college partners to students to help connect what they’re learning to life after high school. Students also will have the opportunity for electives that offer job training, internships and industry certifications.





ACADEMIES AND PATHWAYS



BARTLETT

Freshman Academy

Academy of Industry & Construction

Construction Technology & Project Management
Transportation & Logistics

Academy of Health & Human Services

Health Sciences
Law & Public Service
Education

Academy of Business & Design

Business Administration
Multimedia, Marketing & Design



CHUGIAK

Freshman Academy

Academy of Business & Innovation

Construction Technology & Equipment Operation
Business Administration & Marketing
Culinary & Hospitality Management

Academy of Health Services & Education

Health Science
Education



DIMOND

Freshman Academy

Academy of Engineering & Natural Resources

Engineering
Natural Resource & Environmental Management

Academy of Business & Information Technology

Multimedia, Marketing & Design
Computer Science & IT

Academy of Leadership in Law, Public Safety & Education

Law & Public Service
Education

Academy of Comprehensive Health Sciences

Health Science
Behavioral Health & Human Services



EAGLE RIVER

Freshman Academy

Academy of Health, Law & Public Service

Health Science
Law & Public Service
Computer Science & IT

Academy of Business & Engineering

Engineering
Business Administration



EAST

Freshman Academy

Academy of Industry, Construction & Innovation

Industrial Technology & Metal Fabrication
Transportation & Logistics
Construction Technology & Architecture

Academy of Community Planning & Infrastructure

Environmental Public Health
Law & Public Service
Computer Science & IT

Academy of Education, Health & Human Services

Education
Behavioral Health & Human Services
Health Sciences



SERVICE

Freshman Academy

Academy of Business & Innovation

Culinary & Hospitality Management
Business Administration & Finance
Computer Science & IT

Academy of Health Sciences

Biomedical Science
Health Science

Academy of Industry & Construction

Construction Technology
Transportation & Logistics



SOUTH

Freshman Academy

Academy of Leadership in Law & Business

Project Management & Logistics
Business Administration & Finance
Law & Public Service

Academy of Emerging Technology

Mechatronics
Aviation Technology
Multimedia, Marketing & Design

Academy of Innovation in Health & Human Services

Behavioral Health & Human Services
Education



WEST

Freshman Academy

Academy of Business & Leadership

Business Administration & Finance
Multimedia, Marketing, & Design
Law & Public Services

Academy of Science & Health Services

Health Science
Natural Resource & Environmental Management

Academy of Construction & Innovation

Engineering
Construction Technology
Project Management & Logistics
Industrial Technology



KING TECH

Students in Grades 11-12

KTHS Programs

Alaska Farm & Food
Veterinary Assisting
Construction Electricity
Carpentry
Film, Audio, & Video
Cosmetology
Health & Human Services
Entrepreneurship & Enterprise
Early Childhood
Certified Nurse Aide
Emergency Medical Technician
Culinary Arts
Information Technology
Welding
Electronics & Telecommunications
Automotive Maintenance
Aviation Maintenance
Collision Repair & Refinishing



ALASKA MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOOL

Students in Grades 11-12

Degree Programs

Associates Degrees
Bachelor's Degrees

Certificate Programs

Certified Nursing Aide
Dental Assisting
Medical Office Coding

Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP)

