

ALASKA SMALL HIGH SCHOOL AND RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL
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EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS

BACKGROUND

Alaska has over 100 small remote rural high schools that are mostly off-the-road-system and spread throughout the state. Because of their location and limited capability and capacity to deliver what students need, these schools are consistently among the lowest performing schools in Alaska and unable to efficiently deliver programs that prepare students for work, training, or college.

- A sampling of school-district graduation rates shows that urban and on-the-road-system high schools graduate roughly 75% of their students, while small remote rural schools graduate about 55% of their students.

Unfortunately, students in these schools have few options; unlike urban students, they live in remote villages and cannot change schools or attend technical high schools.

- Lack of educational opportunity is the largest single factor impacting the success of students in small remote rural high schools.

THE CHALLENGE

Providing access to high quality educational experiences to students in small rural high schools will require greater creativity and flexibility in education delivery.

THE SOLUTION

Some rural districts have developed innovative and highly successful programs that meet the needs of students, families, and communities and prepare students for post-secondary education and training or entry into the workforce.

Recent changes in Alaska statute and education regulations provide a more flexible framework for residential education in Alaska allowing school districts to operate variable length district-wide education programs that are eligible for residential stipend funding.

Statewide Programs

Traditional statewide residential programs operating on an August to June school year work exceptionally well for many students. With approximately 700 students enrolled, these programs are thriving in Alaska. However, not all parents want to send their children away for nine months and not all students want to go. They shouldn't have to.

District-wide Programs

District-wide programs, often referred to as Residential Learning Centers (RLCs), provide high-school students in remote rural schools with new options. District-wide programs are cost effective, balance educational access with a youth's need to be connected to family, community, and culture, and produce high rates of student success as documented by their graduation rates.

These programs:

- deliver variable-length programs ranging from two weeks to a semester;
- keep education dollars in the school district, students enrolled in their village school, and students graduate from their village school;
- are local programs developed with input from students, parents, communities, employers, and leaders.

Chugach School District, Lower Kuskokwim School District, and Nome and Bering Strait School Districts are currently operating variable length residential programs. Data shows these programs produce higher graduation and success rates for students.

Combination Programs

Under the statutory and regulatory changes, districts may operate residential programs that combine the traditional residential programs with the recently approved variable-length programs. This flexibility allows districts to provide both short- and long-term programs and better meet the needs of their students. Several school districts are considering or developing combination programs to retain their students and better meet their educational needs.

SMALL HIGH SCHOOL SIZE DATA

Total high schools in sample: 126

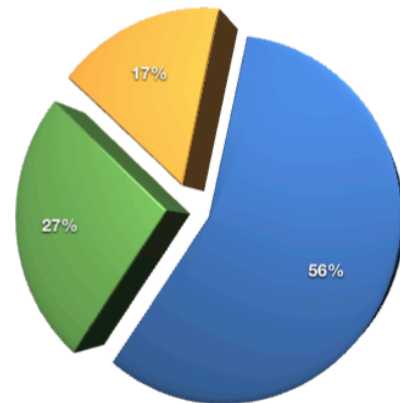
Total high school students: 1,286

OF THE 126 HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE SAMPLE,
THE NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH...

1-10 students: 71

11-20 students: 34

21-30 students: 21



**FY 2013
SMALL HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT DATA
GROUPED BY SIZE**

	9 th	GRADES		12 th	Total
		10 th	11 th		
<u>Alaska Gateway</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Dot Lake School	1	4	0	0	5
2. Eagle Community School	0	1	1	2	4
3. Mentasta Lake School	2	0	0	0	2
4. Tetlin School	2	0	0	0	2
<u>Aleutian Region</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Adak School	0	1	0	0	1
2. Yakov E. Netsvetov School	3	1	1	0	5
<u>Aleutians East Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Akutan School	0	2	1	1	4
2. False Pass School	0	0	1	0	1
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Sand Point School	6	4	6	6	22
<u>Bering Strait</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Diomedes School	2	2	2	2	8
2. Wales School	2	1	5	1	9
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Aniguiin School	6	5	2	6	19
2. Martin L. Olson School	4	3	2	3	12
3. Shaktoolik School	2	5	4	4	15
4. White Mountain School	5	1	3	5	14
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Anthony A. Andrews School	11	5	2	12	30
2. Brevig Mission School	9	5	8	7	29
3. James C. Isabell School	9	7	5	3	24
4. Koyuk-Malemute School	6	8	3	5	22
<u>Chatham</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Gustavus School	2	3	1	1	7
2. Klukwan School	3	0	1	0	4
3. Tenakee Springs School	0	2	0	0	2

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<u>Chatham</u> <i>continued</i>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Angoon School	7	6	2	4	19
<u>Chugach</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Chenega Bay School	0	0	2	2	4
2. Tatitlek Community School	1	1	3	4	9
3. Whittier Community School	1	1	0	3	5
<u>Copper River</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Slana School	0	1	0	2	3
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Kenny Lake School	6	8	5	6	25
<u>Delta-Greely</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. New Horizons High School	1	3	5	6	15
<u>Denali Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Anderson School	4	4	0	2	10
2. Cantwell School	2	2	2	1	7
<u>Hoonah City</u>					
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Hoonah Jr/Sr High School	9	4	8	9	30
<u>Hydaburg City</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Hydaburg School	7	1	4	3	15
<u>Iditarod Area</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Blackwell School	0	1	0	0	1
2. David Louis Memorial School	1	1	3	1	6
3. Holy Cross School	2	0	0	3	5
4. Innoko River School	1	0	0	1	2
5. Takotna Community School	1	1	0	0	2
6. Top of the Kuskokwim School	1	0	0	0	1
Enrollment 11-20					
1. McGrath School	5	4	2	2	13

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<u>Kake City</u>					
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Kake High School	10	6	6	8	30
<u>Kenai Peninsula Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Copper Landing School	0	1	0	0	1
2. Hope School	1	1	3	2	7
3. Marathon School	1	1	0	1	3
4. Port Graham School	1	1	2	1	5
5. Tebughna School	2	2	2	0	6
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Kachemak Selo School	3	7	5	2	17
2. Nanwalek School	5	5	7	3	20
3. Razdolna School	4	4	5	1	14
4. Susan B. English School	11	3	4	0	18
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Nikolaevsk School	9	3	4	6	22
<u>Kodiak Island Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Akhiok School	3	0	2	1	6
2. Chiniak School	1	0	0	0	1
3. Karluk School	0	1	0	2	3
4. Port Lions School	1	3	2	1	7
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Ouzinkie School	2	5	3	6	16
<u>Kuspuk</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Crow Village Sam School	0	1	2	5	8
2. Gusty Michael School	0	1	1	0	2
3. Jack Egnaty Sr. School	2	0	0	1	3
4. Johnnie John Sr. School	0	3	2	1	6
<u>Lake and Peninsula Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Chignik Bay School	2	1	1	1	5
2. Chignik Lagoon School	0	1	0	4	5
3. Chignik Lake School	1	3	2	2	8
4. Egegik School	2	1	1	3	7
5. Igiugig School	0	2	3	0	5
6. Kokhanok School	1	3	0	5	9

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<u>Lake and Peninsula Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10 <i>continued</i>					
7. Levelock School	1	1	3	2	7
8. Nondalton School	3	2	1	2	8
9. Pilot Point School	1	1	2	3	7
10. Tanalian School	4	1	2	2	9
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Meshik School	2	4	1	4	11
2. Newhalen School	4	3	6	7	20
3. Perryville School	3	3	3	2	11
<u>Lower Kuskokwim</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Arviq School	1	0	0	0	1
2. Nuniwarmiut School	3	2	1	0	6
3. Qugcuun Memorial School	6	0	1	3	10
4. William Miller Memorial	4	1	0	0	5
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Akiuk Memorial School	4	2	3	2	11
2. Negtemiut Elitnaurviat School	12	1	2	3	18
3. Rocky Mountain School	6	6	2	2	16
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Akula Elitnaurvik School	10	5	6	6	27
2. Anna Tobeluk Memorial	14	8	2	4	28
3. Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik	12	12	2	3	29
4. Eek School	14	3	0	9	26
5. Joann A. Alexie Memorial	6	7	6	4	23
6. Kwigillingok School	5	12	4	4	25
7. Z. John Williams Memorial	12	6	4	6	28
<u>Lower Yukon</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Sheldon Point School	3	2	1	7	13
<u>North Slope Borough</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Harold Kaveolook School	4	4	3	4	15
2. Kali School	2	5	6	4	17
3. Meade River School	7	2	2	5	16
4. Nuiqsut Trapper School	5	4	5	4	18
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Nunamiut School	5	7	8	3	23

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<u>Northwest Arctic Borough</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Kobuk School	2	3	3	2	10
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Ambler School	8	4	3	1	16
2. Deering School	5	3	1	2	11
3. Shungnak School	6	1	4	3	14
Enrollment 21-30					
1. McQueen School	8	5	9	2	24
<u>Pelican City</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Pelican School	2	1	3	2	8
<u>Pribilof</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. St. George School	0	1	0	0	1
Enrollment 21-30					
1. St. Paul School	7	9	1	9	26
<u>Skagway City</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Skagway School	3	2	3	7	15
<u>Southeast Island</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Edna Bay School	1	1	0	2	4
2. Hollis School	1	0	0	0	1
3. Howard Valentine	1	1	0	0	2
4. Naukati School	0	1	3	2	6
5. Port Alexander School	3	3	0	3	9
6. Port Protection School	2	1	2	1	6
7. Whale Pass School	0	1	1	3	5
<u>Southwest Region</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Koliganek School	2	5	5	4	16
<u>Tanana City</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Maudrey J. Sommer School	2	6	1	1	10

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<u>Yukon Flats</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Arctic Village School	2	3	1	2	8
2. Circle School	3	1	0	4	8
3. Cruikshank School	1	1	0	2	4
4. Tsuk Taih School	1	0	0	0	1
Enrollment 11-20					
1. John Fredson School	9	1	0	3	13
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Fort Yukon School	7	11	7	1	26
<u>Yukon-Koyukuk</u>					
Enrollment 1-10					
1. Gladys Dart School	4	1	0	0	5
2. Johnny Oldman School	1	2	2	1	6
3. Kaltag School	0	1	1	2	4
4. Merrelaine A Kangas School	0	1	0	1	2
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Allakaket School	4	2	4	2	12
2. Andrew K. Demoski School	4	1	1	6	12
3. Minto School	2	7	1	1	11
Enrollment 21-30					
1. Jimmy Huntington School	9	9	5	5	28
<u>Yupiit</u>					
Enrollment 11-20					
1. Akiak School	7	7	4	1	19