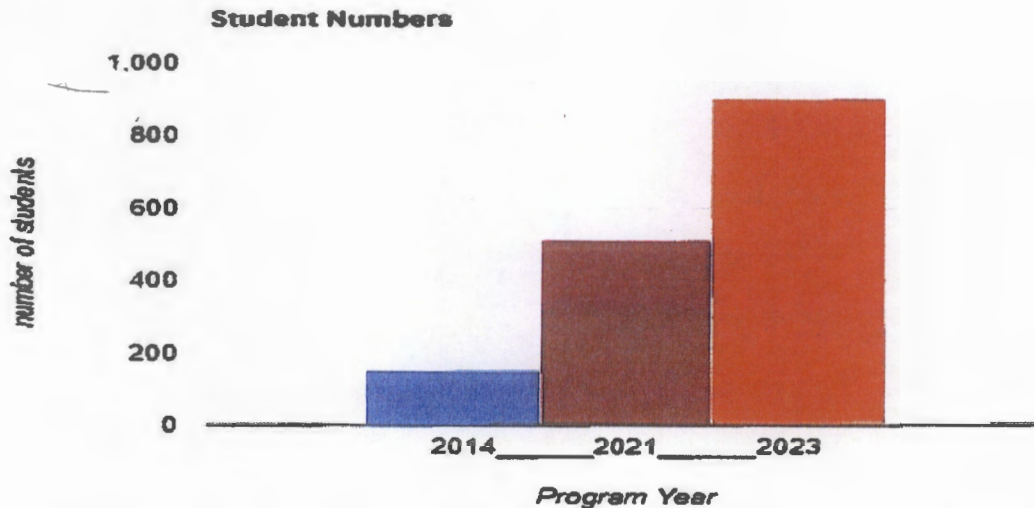


Alaska Excel:

EDUCATION FOR LIFE

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Kuspuk School District in 2014 had a graduation rate of 30%. Alaska Excel opened its doors, allowing students to experience many post-secondary options they hadn't been exposed to before. Within the next 4 years the graduation rate in Kuspuk had increased to 75%.



Having recently expanded their operation utilizing an older dormitory on the APU campus in Anchorage, Excel's new residence can house up to 70 students at any one session, nearly doubling the yearly capacity to 1,000 (Multiple sessions per year ranging from 3-30 days or longer). They are currently serving 10 school districts in some of Alaska's most remote areas.

Despite the unique niche they occupy by providing students from Interior Alaska with the skills they need to engage in post-secondary education, they currently receive **no state funding**. The only fee charged to the school district is the transportation cost; neither the students nor their families are charged for these programs. Excel receives funds from federal Alaskan Native Education Programs, donations, and fundraisers.

All of these successes come at a cost. Excel is currently constrained by their campus. Despite having moved in recently, the program has already outgrown the older dorm on APU's campus that houses up to 70 students with a 14-1 student to shower ratio.

Excel offers a driver's license course which typically requires acquiring a birth certificate, social security card, and other necessary documents to obtain a permit to learn how to drive. After that, Excel teaches students to drive in Anchorage when many come from an area with one road and ATVs. Additionally, they also offer lessons in bill payment, interview skills, resume writing, and using public transportation alongside many CTE and college preparatory classes.

Excel is especially proud of their aviation program where students learn to fly. So far 7 students have gone on to obtain private license and 2 have earned commercial license with one getting a job with Ryan Air and another accepting a job as an instructor for their introduction to aviation class. They currently have a full class of 10 with a further 43 on the waitlist.

Of the various Excel programs for seniors, they are about to start instruction for 52 students with another 8 on the waitlist. Finally, there is no minimum GPA required to attend these classes, allowing all students to participate in this successful bridge program.

For more information please visit:

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Partner School Districts:

Iditarod Area School District

Kashunamiut School District *Cherak*

Kuspuk School District

Lower Kuskokwim School District

Nenana City School District

North Slope Borough School District

Tanana City School District

Yukon Flats School District

Yupit School District

Yukon-Koyukuk School District

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APU

Facility + programs