

Alaska Public Charter Schools Directory 2008-2009



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Charter school profiles are on the following pages.

CHARTER SCHOOL PROFILES

Alaska Native Charter School

Students Enrolled: 153

Grade Levels: K-6

Type: Citizen/Community

State Board of Education Approval: March 28, 2007

Date Charter Expires: March 28, 2010

Mission: The mission of the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School is to realize the reality of our unique urban environment with its rich Alaska Native traditions including cultural corporations and organizations, and with their partnership develop well prepared Alaska Native students who are able to contribute to the community. The school will bring Elders, Alaska Native Leaders, youth, parents, and teachers together to infuse Alaska Native values, cultures, and languages into active learning experiences. A curriculum that utilizes traditional ways of knowing and methods of instruction will successfully transition rural Alaska Native students into urban community while fostering pride and a strong sense of cultural identity. The school engages in educational research and serves as a demonstration school for other teachers and administrators who wish to develop effective methodologies and approaches for working with Alaska Native and Native American students and their families.

Purpose: Alaska Native Cultural Charter School builds student excellence through traditional cultural learning.

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Website:

<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/ancs/pages/>

Academy Charter School

Students Enrolled: 231

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Citizen/Community

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2015

Mission: Our mission is to create a learning system that encourages and develops students' inherent abilities to be competent, confident, productive and responsible young adults. We will strive to produce a generation of young people who possess the habits, skills and attitudes necessary to empower them to succeed as life long learners and outstanding citizens.

Purpose: The primary focus of the Academy Charter is on the well-being of the children of our community. It is the goal of the approximately 10 currently active members (project designers) to create a purposeful, living laboratory, which will operate in a caring, supportive and closely monitored environment. As an integral part of the Matanuska-Susitna School District, the Charter's successful innovations will be transferable to other schools in the District and to the larger world community, thus benefiting all of our children. Charter Community members seek to make education a community passion.

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Website:

<http://www.acc.matsuk12.us/>

Aquarian Charter School

Students Enrolled: 351

Grade Level: K-6

Type: Language & Arts

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2012

Mission: The Aquarian Charter school is dedicated to providing Anchorage area children freedom to achieve their human potential by endeavoring to: celebrate each child's uniqueness and diversity; provide a stimulating academic program with high expectations in a joyful, stress-free atmosphere; assure there is a safe and nurturing environment to instill well-being for all students; empower thinking, understanding individuals to communicate and live in a challenging and changing world; pique interest, awareness and involvement in the neighborhood and global community; facilitate creative expression through language, drama, art, music and sports; stimulate continual family interaction with children and their educational development.

Purpose: The Aquarian Charter School is designed for bright, high-achieving children from families with working parents.

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Website:

[http://www.aquariancharterschool.com/Aquarian Charter/Home.html](http://www.aquariancharterschool.com/Aquarian_Charter/Home.html)

Anvil City Science Academy

Students Enrolled: 44

Grade Level: 5-8

Type: Science

State Board of Education Approval: June 9, 1998

Date Charter Expires: October 1, 2013

Mission: "Through a cooperative network of parents, teachers and community members, ACSA will provide a safe, nurturing, family-oriented, multi-age learning environment supporting a highly rigorous academic program for higher education preparation with high standards of responsible citizenship. Current technology will be incorporated in all aspects of the students' education. ACSA will promote academic excellence, character development and educational enthusiasm resulting in responsible, productive citizens."

Purpose: Anvil City Science Academy was created and shaped by a small nucleus of like-minded parents, teachers, and community members interested in a family-oriented, character-developing, highly rigorous academic education as well as concern for the future of their own and community children. It is an expectation that all students will have a high achievement, for each has great potential. Technology and scientific research methods are an integral part of the curriculum, as it will be an integral part of every child's future.

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Website:

<http://nome.nosd.schoolaccess.net/~acsa/>

Aurora Borealis Charter School

Students Enrolled: 178

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Individual Learning Styles

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

State Board of Education Approval: July 1, 2012

Mission: To provide teachers and parents with the opportunity, responsibility, and accountability for the management and control of the total school curriculum and environment; to produce a flexible set of learning outcomes measured with different and authentic forms of assessment; to provide students with an educational opportunity of the highest quality; and to foster student, parent, and community involvement through the use of community resources and partnerships.

Purpose: The purpose of Aurora Borealis School is to offer the finest academic program possible that will provide for increased learning opportunities for all students in an environment designed to meet the unique needs of each student by providing opportunities consistent with their learning styles [and] to improve pupil learning by creating a school with high and rigorous standards for pupil performance.

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Website

https://www.edline.net/pages/Aurora_Borealis

Ayaprun Elitnaurvik

Students Enrolled: 145

Grade Levels: K-6

Type: Yup'ik Immersion

State Board of Education Approval: June 5, 1999

Date Charter Expires: June 1, 2009

Mission: Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Yup'ik Immersion School is committed to providing a public school option where all members, students, staff, and parents, function democratically. Students are valued as unique individuals who are encouraged to learn both independently and collaboratively. A hands-on approach is emphasized integrating the arts and the appreciation of the natural world. The School Community embraces diversity, creating small, mixed-aged, and family-oriented environments, which exhibit mutual respect, and caring.

Purpose: Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Yup'ik Immersion School is a public school operating under the auspices of the Lower Kuskokwim School District Board of Education. Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Yup'ik Immersion School offers a choice for students who might benefit from an integrated, thematic approach to education using the arts, the environment, and culture in a small, intimate learning community.

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Website:

<http://www.lksd.org/ayaprun/>

Chinook Montessori Charter School

Students Enrolled: 155

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Montessori

State Board of Education Approval: April 16, 1996

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2011

Mission: Chinook Montessori Charter School, a school of choice, will strive to create a dynamic educational environment, which fosters educational excellence and cultivates personal, intellectual, and emotional growth and responsibility. We will provide this through an alliance formed through a seamless web of educators, parents, businesses and community members.

Purpose: The philosophy of Chinook Montessori Charter is grounded in the belief that learning is interwoven with life. The community serves as our campus with Chinook Montessori School acting as our headquarters. The school offers a nurturing multi-age environment, which supports a highly rigorous academic program. Integrated teaching encourages students to make connections between ideas and concepts in different content areas. Chinook Montessori School values time. The flexibility of time allows for small group seminars, grand conversations and investigations with teachers and students. Chinook Montessori is a professional development site, which values innovation, teacher research and excellence in teaching.

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Website:

<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/chn/Home.htm>

Eagle Academy Charter School

Students Enrolled: 165

Grade Levels: K – 6

Type: Spalding

State Board of Education Approval: December 7, 2004

Date Charter Expires: December 6, 2009

Mission: Eagle Academy offers an academically challenging educational program requiring students to master Eagle Academy's performance standards before progressing to the next level of curriculum.

Purpose: The Spalding method of teaching is the basis for instruction across curriculum in all grade levels, employing a multi-sensory approach to learning. Teaching of core subjects is given priority in scheduling and other areas of school operation. Students are placed at their appropriate instructional level for Language Arts and Math based on results of standardized tests, along with classroom grades and assessments. For all other subjects (Social Studies, Science, Art, Music, PE and Technology) students are grouped by grade level.

Rewards, incentives, effort grades, and discipline are individual, based on each student's own behavior, participation and performance. Each family is required to fulfill a 16 hour service commitment per year

Curriculum: Language Arts instruction is based on Spalding's The Writing Road to Reading. Saxon Math is structured in incremental learning steps, which is effective for retaining and applying mathematical concepts. The Core Knowledge History and Geography textbook series is utilized for Social Studies. Scott Foresman Science offers a combination of content and hands-on learning. Students receive one hour each of PE, Technology, Art and Music instruction weekly.

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Website:

<http://www.eagleacademycharterschool.com/>

Effie Kokrine Charter School

Students Enrolled: 102

Grade Levels: 7-12

Type: Conversion/At-Risk/Native

State Board of Education Approval: June 10, 2005

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2015

Mission: The mission of Effie Kokrine is “to provide educational opportunities for students to succeed in the world by developing a strong sense of purpose, identity, place and community through cultural and academic empowerment.”

Purpose: The school’s vision “is a place of support, development and learning for the whole child. It uses their cultural background as the foundation of who they are.”

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Website:

http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/index.php?i_page=250

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

Students Enrolled: 189

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Spanish Immersion

State Board of Education Approval: June 10, 2005

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2015

Mission: Fronteras Charter School is a Spanish Immersion K-8 academic center that promotes high academic success in a nurturing, creative multiage environment; and foster increased cultural understanding, communication and citizenship in our community, nation and world.

Purpose: Expanding the spectrum of thought and the ability to communicate in today's evolving world makes the goal of acquiring a second language profoundly important. Being immersed part of each day in Spanish, each child will be nurtured; gaining well rounded personal development through meaningful and creative academic and social exploration. Fronteras Charter School utilizes the partnership of parents, community resources, technology, skilled instructors' service, and stimulating curriculum to realize high academic success, language acquisition, critical thinking, good citizenship, and the development of healthy, global minded individuals.

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Website:

<http://www.fronteras-k8.us>

Family Partnership Charter School

Students Enrolled: 494

Grade Levels: K-12

Type: Home School

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2012

Mission: The charter school is committed to a framework in which mankind's first and most basic school, the home, is supported by the community as a viable education alternative. The charter school is a non-sectarian partnership school between students, parents, professional educators and community members where as many families as desire will customize an education for their children. It utilizes a school without walls wherein parents are to bear the primary responsibility for the management of their children's education.

Purpose: We live in an ever-changing world. Every day we discover new opportunities for learning. New tools, technology, methods and ways of thinking demand a more flexible and open model for educational program development. The Family Partnership Charter School provides a framework for the responsible use of public resources in which students, parents and educators can make the most of these opportunities.

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Website:

<https://www.fpcs.net/fpcsweb2/>

Fireweed Academy

Students Enrolled: 72

Grade Levels: 3-6

Type: Theme Immersion

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2012

Mission: To provide a compassionate learning environment that gives students, parents, teachers and community members opportunities to develop self-reliance, cooperation, creativity, reasoning ability, personal growth and academic achievement.

Purpose: The Fireweed Academy Charter School recognizes many different styles of learning. Many students do well in a traditional classroom, yet some students learn best when they have more choices and when lessons are individualized and tied to real-world applications. To accommodate such students, the Fireweed Academy Charter School implements the following teaching methods: Theme Immersion Studies, Socratic Practice, Experiential Learning, Project-based Curricula, and Interdisciplinary Education. The establishment of Fireweed Academy not only benefits individual students, but also provides the Homer area community with more options for tested activities, methods, and curricula.

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Website:

<https://www.edline.net/GroupHome.page>

Frontier Charter School

Students Enrolled: 364

Grade Levels: K-12

Type: Home School

State Board of Education Approval: March 20, 2003

Date Charter Expires: June 30, 2013

Mission: Frontier Charter School is a resource for curriculum, technology and community. Frontier serves full-time home schooling families in the Anchorage School District who are pursuing academic excellence.

Purpose: Frontier's program philosophy states: One of the primary reasons parents choose to home-school their children is their belief that they can help each of their children achieve academic excellence. This belief stems from the fact that they are willing and able to give education top priority and that they can build an individualized education program that meets the needs of each child. Frontier Charter School provides qualified instructors and community resources including guidance to parents, books and supplies, online courses, one-on-one tutoring, distance learning courses, classes offered by local vendors, and access to facilities as necessary.

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Website:

<http://www.frontierk12.org/>

Highland Tech High

Students Enrolled: 272

Grade Levels: 7-12

Type: Technical

State Board of Education Approval: March 20, 2003

Date Charter Expires: August 31, 2013

Mission: To equip our students with the academic, social, and technical skills to excel in today's world and contribute positively to our society and the future.

Purpose: Highland Tech High was developed for students in grades 7 through 12 interested in an alternative educational environment that combines interdisciplinary, real world, project-based learning with rigorous academic expectations. The program focuses on four key principles: individualization, project-based studies, comprehensive assessments, and community immersion. Students will meet district and state standards, as well as those incorporated in the HTH curriculum.

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Website:

<http://www.highlandtech.org/>

Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Sciences

Students Enrolled: 159

Grade Levels: K-4

Type: Arts/Science

State Board of Education Approval: March 16, 2004

Date Charter Expires: December 4, 2018

Mission: "Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Sciences is a public elementary charter school that develops student academic and life skills through the integrated study of arts and sciences. Like all Alaskan charter schools, the KSAS offers a free, public, and unique choice within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District system for innovative instruction focusing on student achievement, creative problem solving, life-long learning, and parent involvement. We have chosen the name Kaleidoscope as the image reflects what we want to accomplish: to use multiple 'lenses' to create new patterns of understanding."

Purpose: KSAS combines current magnum classroom concepts from Sears Elementary by centering all lessons on science and the arts, using the philosophy that students learn best through hands-on practice.

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Website:

<https://www.edline.net/pages/Kaleidoscope>

Juneau Community Charter School

Students Enrolled: 68

Grade Levels: K-6

Type: Arts/Music

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2016

Mission: The Juneau Community Charter School provides a balanced education using developmentally appropriate techniques, which tap into the child's need to explore and create in all fields of learning. Our strong connection with parent and community resources gives students diverse perspectives and unique learning opportunities.

Purpose: The Juneau Community Charter School's core identity includes a structure consisting of multi-age classrooms and an overall small school size; teaching methods which address the whole child, are arts-integrated and use constructivist methods and curricula; a cooperative school model in which parental involvement and engagement is paramount; frequent interaction with individuals and institutions in the larger Juneau community; long-term relationships of students, staff and families; and a high degree of teacher autonomy.

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Website

<http://www.jsd.k12.ak.us/jccs/>

Ketchikan Charter School

Students Enrolled: 175

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Core Knowledge

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2012

Mission: Through the cooperation of parents, teachers, and students, Ketchikan Charter School creates a learning environment that fosters growth of character, high academic achievement, and the love of learning, resulting in responsible, productive citizens.

Purpose: The Ketchikan Charter School Committee sees a need to offer parents another choice in educating their children in this District. A structured and more challenging curriculum that includes specific and sequential content, skills, and knowledge is wanted and needed. Regular assessment and early remediation must be available. The Charter School Law enables students, parents, teachers and administrators to accept responsibility for the education of children.

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Website:

<http://kcs.kgbsd.org>

Midnight Sun Family Learning Center

Students Enrolled: 162

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Technology/Citizenship

State Board of Education Approval: April 28, 1997

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2015

Mission: Through a cooperative network of parents, teachers, and community members, Midnight Sun Family Learning Center will provide a safe, nurturing, family-oriented, multi-age learning environment supporting a highly rigorous academic program for higher education preparation with high standards of responsible citizenship. Current technology is incorporated in all aspects of the students' education. Midnight Sun Family Learning Center promotes academic excellence, character development, and educational enthusiasm resulting in responsible, productive citizens.

Purpose: Midnight Sun Family Learning Center was created and shaped by a small nucleus of like-minded parents, teachers, and community members interested in a family-oriented, character-developing, highly rigorous academic education as well as concern for the future of their own and community children. It is an expectation that all students will have high achievement, for each has great potential. Technology is an integral part of the curriculum as it will be an integral part of every child's future.

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Website:

<http://www.midnightsunschool.com>

Rilke Schule German School of Arts and Sciences

Students Enrolled: 220

Grade Levels: k-8

Type: German Immersion, Arts/Science

State Board of Education Approval: March 28, 2007

Date Charter Expires: August 31, 2010

Mission: The mission of the of the Rilke Schule- German School of Arts and Sciences is to provide an outstanding education focused on high academic achievement by engaging each child through enriched language curriculum taught primary in German.

Purpose: Our teaching focus is on language, arts, music, math and sciences, fostering creative expression though drama, arts, music and sports. With the support of parents and the extended family, our school creates a community which is immersed in the German culture and promotes international awareness. Our school nurtures a child's natural curiosity, cultivating life long learning.

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Website:

<http://rilkeschule.org/>

Soldotna Montessori Charter School

Students Enrolled: 161

Grade Levels: K-6

Type: Montessori

State Board of Education Approval: November 30, 2006

Date Charter Expires: June 30, 2012

Mission: Soldotna Montessori will treat each child with respect in a nurturing, supportive, academic environment. The school is setting a high level of expectation for the quality of work and will give each child the opportunity to explore and discover on their own. They expect each child to become a self-confident life long learner.

Purpose: The focal points of the Soldotna Montessori School are to: create a prepared environment in which each child is able to develop self discipline and individual strengths; to develop the child's ability to work individually or with a group to solve problems; to accept the unique nature of each child; to encourage the child to learn to live and work responsibly within the classroom, school, and community; to promote and support parental involvement; and to help each child develop responsible attitudes toward self, others and the environment and to become a socially conscious individual.

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Website:

[https://www.edline.net/pages/Soldotna Montessori](https://www.edline.net/pages/Soldotna_Montessori)

Star of the North Secondary School

Students Enrolled: 207

Grade Levels: 7-12

Type: Conversion/At-Risk

State Board of Education Approval: March 16, 2004

Date Charter Expires: March 16, 2014

Mission: To positively intervene on the behalf of young people at risk for not earning a high school diploma.... and provide a wider base for alternative education in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Purpose: "The Career Education Center (CEC) and the North Pole Leadership Academy (NPLA) are currently successfully serving the needs of 150 FNSBSD students for whom the traditional high school model has failed. Star of the North Secondary School views creating a Charter and gaining the fiscal autonomy allowable under such a contract as a sensible way to guarantee that the needs of our students at most risk for school failure will be addressed. We will continue to work closely with the school district in order to help disengaged students recover their dreams of earning a high school diploma."

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Website:

<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/son/snss.html#>

Tongass School of Arts & Sciences

Students Enrolled: 152

Grade Levels: K-6

Type: Arts/Science

State Board of Education Approval: March 20, 2003

Date Charter Expires: August 31, 2011

Mission: To provide an educational experience for students that includes real-life and real-world experiences and builds on themes related to the arts and sciences; creates an educational environment that provides positive relationships within the classroom; and develops respect and appreciation for the diversity of people, cultures, ideas and perspectives.

Purpose: A meaningful education includes an instructional program that develops a foundation of skills and knowledge and provides students, according to their developmental levels, the freedom to ask important questions and to seek answers; to analyze, investigate, and synthesize information and to develop independent opinions and conclusions through inquiry, dialogue, and reflection.

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Website:

<http://www.tongassschool.org/>

Twindly-Bridge Charter School

Students Enrolled: 214

Grade Levels: K-12

Type: Home School

State Board of Education Approval: March 11, 2005

Date Charter Expires: August 31, 2010

Mission: "...will provide a meaningful education and encourage a strong bond to develop between students, families, teachers, staff, our district, and our community. Students will develop a solid core of skills using creativity as they develop critical thinking skills." Our mission is to provide an instructional program that builds on students' interests. We believe that this approach promotes creativity and critical thinking.

Purpose: The school will stress the Multi-Intelligences Theory and Problem-Based Learning in a home school format. The educational approach of TBCS is to focus on the individual student and his/her own interests, weaknesses and strengths, completing independent study at home and in supplementary classes held in the school's classrooms and labs.

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Website:

<http://www.twindlybridge.us/>

Winterberry Public School

Students Enrolled: 185

Grade Levels: K-8

Type: Waldorf

Mission: “Our mission is to nurture and promote the development of healthy, responsible, and creative human beings. We aim to enliven and support families in our local community. Specially trained teachers use developmentally attuned approaches and the arts to encourage academic achievement and creativity, social intelligence and ecological awareness.”

Purpose: Winterberry School provides an innovative, standards-based education, enhancing the growth of student creativity and imagination through the arts. Our aim is to provide a holistic learning environment and demonstrate that all children are natural and inspired learners who can achieve. To do this, we will use the Whole Child Curriculum, based on the Waldorf educational philosophy.

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