

"Lack of access to opportunity is the largest single factor impacting the success of students in small remote rural high schools."

- Jerry Covey, Former State of Alaska Commissioner of Education

What we will accomplish with STAR of the Northwest is to increase access to opportunities.

The results of a survey of 88 high school students across the district, conducted in 2012-13, revealed that a significant number (31%) had "no opinion" on any career plans or goals after graduation.

The survey also showed that 76% hoped to live in the region, <u>and</u> have a career that would allow them to support themselves and their family.

Our goal is for students to experience first-hand the high-paying, high-demand career opportunities available in the State and to engage in a career track beginning in grade 11 and extending into industry certifications and associate degrees.

STAR includes:

- A coordinated effort by Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Alaska Technical Center, and the University of Alaska, and industry partners.
- An articulated and comprehensive high school and postsecondary program designed to strengthen Alaska's workforce.
- Career-focused programs in Culinary Arts, Education, Health Care, & Process Technology.

The secondary residential component of STAR offers:

- Full-year program with 30 beds for residential students grades 11-12.
- Variable-length programs with 10 beds for residential students grades 11-12.

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