

House and Senate Education Committee

Joint Hearing on Middle Colleges
November 13, 2018



Anchorage School District

- 48,089 Students (May 2017)
- Minority student groups comprise more than 50% of student population
 - African American: **5%**
 - Alaska Native/American Indian: **9%**
 - Asian: **11%**
 - Two or More Races: **16%**
 - Hispanic: **12%**
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: **7%**
 - Caucasian: **41%**



Anchorage School District

- Diversity of language
- **80%** of ASD families speak English at home
- Remaining **20%** represented by more than **100** languages
 - Five most prevalent languages
 - Spanish: 1394
 - Samoan: 1238
 - Hmong: 1008
 - Filipino: 811
 - Yupik: 300

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Anchorage School District (ASD)

| Variables that Impact Instruction | Number | Percent |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Child in Transition, Homeless | 1,099 | 2% |
| Economically Disadvantaged | 24,565 | 53% |
| English Language Learners | 7,190 | 15% |
| Gifted and Talented | 3,800 | 8% |
| Migrant | 2,976 | 6% |
| Students With Disabilities | 7,014 | 15% |
| Title VI/Indian Education | 6,944 | 15% |

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ASD Opportunity for Choices

- Credit by choice
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - Alaska Pacific University Early Honors
 - Career Tech Education (CTE)
 - King Tech High School
 - Middle and high school
 - Project Lead the Way
 - Rising Educators
 - Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)
 - Home school programs
 - Correspondence
 - Charter schools

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CTE Impacts Graduation Rate

- CTE Concentrators
 - Students completing two full credits of CTE in their high school years
 - Had a graduation rate of **92.8%**
- Students with disabilities
 - CTE concentrators had a graduation rate of **83%**
 - **Not** CTE concentrators had a graduation rate of **53%**

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Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)



Alaska Middle College School
Chugiak-Eagle River Campus of UAA



Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)



Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)

- In collaboration with University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)
- Provides opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to earn college credit on a college campus (place based)
 - Concurrent enrollment
 - Dual credit



AMCS: ASD Costs

- UAA Fee
- Books
- Transportation
- High school support
 - 4 Teachers
 - 1 Counselor
 - 1 Administrative assistant
 - .5 Principal

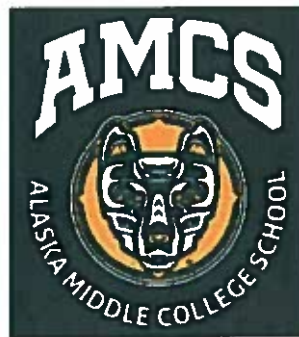


Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)

AMCS Enrollment 2017-2018

| | Juniors | Seniors | Total Students | Total Credits Earned |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------------|
| CERC | 120 | 56 | 176 | 1437 |

- CERC: Chugiak-Eagle River Campus



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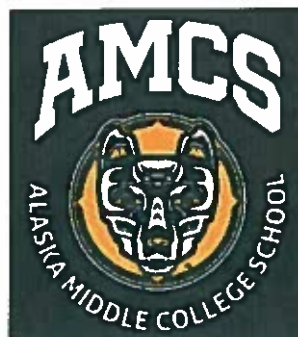


Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)

AMCS Enrollment 2018-2019

| | Juniors | Seniors | Total Students | Total Credits Attempted |
|-------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| CERC | 59 | 71 | 130 | |
| UAA MAIN | 43 | 50 | 93 | |
| ANSEP | 9 | 6 | 15 | |
| Total AMCS | 111 | 127 | 238 | 2760 |

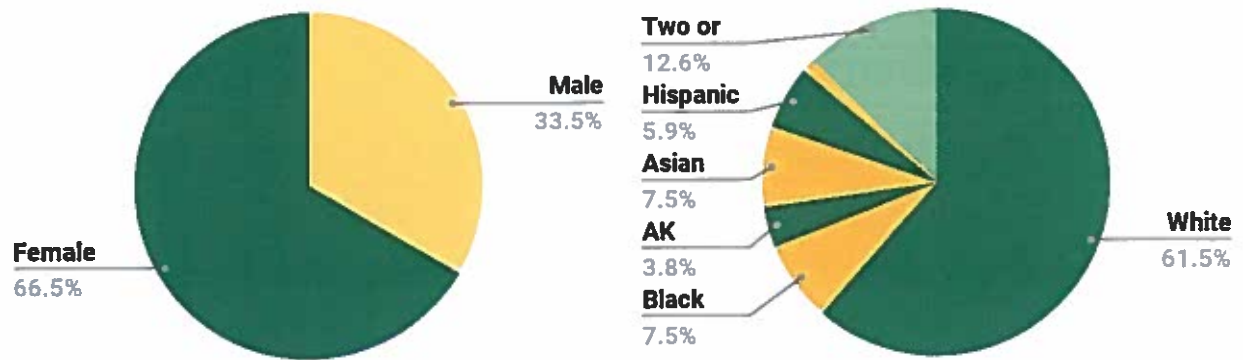
- CERC: Chugiak Eagle River Campus
- ANSEP: Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program



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Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) 2018-2019



Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) Student Feedback

- Collected during the midterm gathering at Main Campus
- Student reported best features as:
 - Sense of independence and responsibility
 - Flexibility in schedule
 - Ability to get ahead in college
- Student reported best resources as:
 - Anchorage School District teachers
 - Resources available on campus to support emotionally and academically
- Student reported math as the most challenging subject

Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) Parent Feedback

- Collected during the parent gathering at Main Campus
- Parents reported best features as:
 - College environment
 - Challenging coursework
 - Opportunity to get a head start on college while fulfilling high school graduation requirements
- Parents appreciate support their students are given by ASD staff as they transition to college level work

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AMCS Success

- 2017-2018
 - Two graduates earned enough credits for Associate's Degree
- 2018-2019
 - Five National Merit Scholar Semifinalists
 - One senior will graduate May 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics

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Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)



ALASKA MIDDLE COLLEGE SCHOOL

Earn college credit and high school credit at the same time!

Apply for Alaska Middle College School

Deadline for Spring 2019 Semester is 12/1/2018. Application and testing must be completed prior to submission.

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Educating All Students for Success in Life

