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Alaska Skill Center
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Seward, Alaska 99664
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The Alaska Skill Center is an Adult Vocational Training Center. Persons who enroll must be at least eighteen years old or have graduated from high school.

Courses offered:

BUILDING TRADES training includes general construction and repair of building components. Topics taught are painting, dry wall, furnace maintenance, basic home wiring, plumbing, and carpentry. The training period is twenty-six weeks long. Tuition is \$240.00 and the lab fee is \$30.00.

FOOD SERVICE training includes short order cooking, food preparation, menu planning, industrial cooking and baking. Cook/Baking training is twenty-four weeks long. Tuition is \$240.00 and the lab fee is \$50.00.

OFFICE OCCUPATIONS training includes Business English and Math, Office Machines, Typing, Office Procedures, Accounting, Switchboard Training and On-the job training in local offices. Students may graduate with levels of: Clerk-Typist, Clerk-General, Accounting Clerk, Clerk-Transcriber or Receptionist. The tuition for 24 weeks of training is \$240.00 and the lab fee is \$30.00.

AUTO MECHANICS includes training in tune-up, brakes, drive-trains, engine overhaul and tire repair. The training is 24 weeks long. The tuition is \$240.00 and the lab fee is \$65.00.

DIESEL MECHANICS includes training in diesel engine overhaul and repair of reversing reduction gears. The training is 24 weeks long. The tuition is \$240.00 and the lab fee is \$65.00.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS includes training in service and repair of construction equipment such as crawler tractors, dump trucks, front end loaders, motor graders and light duty trucks. The training is 28 weeks long. The tuition is \$280.00 and the lab fee is \$75.00.

POWER HOUSE OPERATION is taught in the winter, normally October to March. Classes are eight weeks long. Tuition is \$160.00 and the lab fee is \$20.00.

WELDING classes are held from mid-March through September. Classes are 12 weeks long. The welding course includes gas, arc, M.I.G. and T.I.G. welding. Tuition is \$160.00 and the lab fee is \$45.00.

Student insurance is required. The cost is \$17.50 for a 24 week training program.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SO STUDENTS CAN START TRAINING AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR. (as training slots are open.)

Dormitories are available for students and meals are served in the dining hall seven days a week. Room and board costs \$70.00 per week. Towels, bedding and laundry facilities are included in room and board charges.

REFUNDS: Students who have paid tuition and lab fees and decided not to continue in training at the end of their first training week will be refunded 80% of the tuition payment. No lab fees will be refunded at any time. If at the end of the second week of training a student decides not to continue in training, that student may receive a refund of 60% of the tuition. If a student decides not to continue in training any time after the second training week, no tuition refund will be made.

For further information or an application form, contact the Admissions Office at the Alaska Skill Center.

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- Basic Education - All students are tested to determine educational levels, to ensure that their reading and math skills are sufficient to enable success in reaching vocational goals. The upgrading of math and reading skills has allowed many students to obtain a G.E.D. certificate while at the Skill Center.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS FY 76-77

Barrow	16	Glennallen, Galena, Copper Center	20
Rural	57		
Kotzebue	11	Palmer, Homer, Moose Pass, Kenai	56
Nome	18	Kodiak	19
		Rural	1
Fairbanks	66	Seward, Cordova, Valdez	142
Rural	88		
Bethel	42	Juneau, Southeast	179
Rural	146	Anchorage	76
		Rural	16
		TOTAL	953

ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS FY 76-77

Alaskan Natives	589	62%
Caucasian	335	35%
Other	29	3%

Number of High School G.E.D.'s	83
Number of driver's licenses	64

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STUDENT WAGE AND TAX STATISTICS

The following statistics were computed from data supplied by the Alaska Department of Revenue in September, 1977.

WAGES

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Building Trades	2557	8,199	221%
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Office Occupations	167	451	170%
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The average cost to the State for each student served in FY 76 and FY 77 was \$2315.
Average cost computation:

Expenditures FY 76	\$1,665,400
FY 77	<u>1,927,966</u>
Total	3,593,366
Less Federal Funds (CETA)	1,387,200
Cost to State	2,206,166

953 Student Served = 2,315 average cost per student

Using the average increase in State taxes paid of \$343, the cost of instruction is returned to the State in 6.7 years.

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