

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACTIVITIES REPORT

2026



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ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The table below shows the number of students at each NSBSD school who were eligible to participate in activities during the 2025–26 school year — 579 students district-wide in grades 8–12. Our four 1A schools may also use 8th graders for Mixed Six Volleyball and Basketball, and Kiita students participate at Barrow, giving Barrow a combined pool of 298. Teams from schools with as few as 15 eligible students competed all season and represented their communities across the state.

Eligible number of students who can participate in activities
(2025–26 school year)

SCHOOL	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	TOTAL
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK*	4	3	3	2	3	15
MEADE RIVER*	10	5	9	3	4	31
KALI*	7	7	4	6	6	30
NUNAMIUT*	12	14	11	14	8	59
TRAPPER	—	15	10	4	11	40
ALAK	—	9	9	7	14	39
TIKIGAQ	—	25	10	20	12	67
BARROW**	—	57	63	57	64	241
KIITA**	—	0	0	19	38	57
COMBINED TOTAL	33	135	119	132	160	579

CROSS-COUNTRY

1A

The North Slope Conference held their Regional Championship in Utqiagvik in late September. Twenty-four student-athletes from 5 of the villages competed in the 5K race out at the pits. Eileen Panigeo of Nunamiut and Samuel Jackson of Tikigaq took home individual championships. ASAA changed the rules for DIII this season, with schools only needing 3 runners to qualify for the team championship. The Nunamiut boys won the team award, with no school qualifying a girls team. Nunamiut School won the Academic Award, with its 6 team members holding a combined 3.83 GPA from last semester. The NSC had 9 total runners represent NSBSD at the ASAA State Championships.

Girls — Regional Results

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	GENDER	TIME
1	EILEEN PANIGEO	NUNAMIUT	F	[FILL IN]
2	MAKENA IVANOFF	[FILL IN]	F	[FILL IN]
3	TILLY FERREIRA	[FILL IN]	F	[FILL IN]
4	STACY OKTOLLIK	[FILL IN]	F	[FILL IN]
5			F	
6			F	
7			F	

Boys — Regional Results

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	GENDER	TIME
1	SAMUEL JACKSON	TIKIGAQ	M	21:31
2	ALEX GALLOSO	NUNAMIUT	M	21:50
3	JUSTIN ATTUNGANA	TIKIGAQ	M	[FILL IN]
4	WILLIE TUKROOK	KALI	M	[FILL IN]
5	LLOYD QUILATON	NUIQSUT	M	[FILL IN]
6	NOAH HOPSON	NUIQSUT	M	[FILL IN]
7	JUSTIN GORDON	NUNAMIUT	M	[FILL IN]

3A

The 3A season started with an off-slope trip to Palmer. BHS then hosted the annual Whaler Invitational, with five of the 1A schools attending.

Bethel Regional High School hosted this year’s regional championships. The top 8 runners qualified for State. BHS qualified two runners to the State Championships in Anchorage. The Barrow Lady Whalers took home 2nd place in the team awards. Freshman Adele Thomas took second, with Dayna Olemaun and Flossie Olemaun taking sixth and eighth to qualify for State.



Number of Cross-Country Meets, 2024–2026

2025–2026

SCHOOL	MEETS
KALI	2
ALAK*	0
MEADE RIVER	2
TRAPPER	2
NUNAMIUT	2 [VERIFY]
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK*	0
TIKIGAQ	2
BARROW HIGH	3

*Alak & Harold Kaveolook did not have a team in FY26.

2024–2025

SCHOOL	MEETS
KALI	2
ALAK*	0
MEADE RIVER	2
TRAPPER	2
NUNAMIUT	2
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK*	0
TIKIGAQ	2
BARROW HIGH	3

*Alak & Harold Kaveolook did not have teams in FY25.

VOLLEYBALL

Barrow High School hosted a 6-team Whaler Invite on Halloween weekend. Mountain City, Nome, Juneau, Seward, Barrow varsity, and Barrow JV all played in the 3-day event. Seward came out on top by beating the Whaler varsity in the championship.

BHS went to Kotzebue the following weekend for the Western Conference Regional Tournament in November. They were the #1 seed going in and came out on top of Bethel and Kotzebue to win the Conference Championship for the 3rd straight year. Aiga Unutoa and Ahmela McFadden were named to the All-Conference Team.



Mixed Six Volleyball

The Mixed-6 Regional Volleyball Tournament was held at Kali School on November 22–23. All seven 1A schools participated in this 2-day event. The Tikigaq Harpooners came back through the consolation bracket to defeat Nunamiut in the championship match to end a very exciting tournament!

Kali once again was a gracious host, with great food, weather, and drumming and dancing to end the tournament and celebrate our student-athletes.

Board member Frieda Nageak was a great addition to this event, as she was involved the whole weekend as the announcer at matches and at the awards ceremony. Our IT department did an outstanding job streamlining the whole event for the fans and families that couldn’t make the trip. Radio legend Bob Thomas did play-by-play for every match, and it is always nice to hear his voice on the stream.



The Meade River Eagles won the sportsmanship team award. The Harold Kaveolook Rams took home the Academic Award with a combined team GPA of 3.7 from last semester’s grades! Tikigaq was crowned Regional champion and Nunamiut was runner-up.

ASAA let us know that one of the other Mix-6 conferences was not going to fill a State berth, and they selected our conference to receive two berths for this season only. So both Tikigaq and Nunamiut represented us at the State tournament held at Palmer High School on December 5–7.

Unfortunately, Nunamiut lost both of their matches 1–2 and were eliminated on Friday morning at the ASAA State Championships. Tikigaq won their first match on Thursday, then lost both matches on Friday, ending in 5th place of 12 teams in the tournament. Congratulations to Tikigaq’s Henry Nashookpuk and Jennifer Nash on being selected to the ASAA Mixed-6 All-Tournament Team. Jennifer Nash was also selected for the Best Server Award at the Tournament.

Volleyball and Mixed Six Games, 2024–2026

2025–2026 (event totals)

SCHOOL	SCHOOL	MIXED SIX
KALI		20
ALAK		16
MEADE RIVER		27
TRAPPER		29
NUNAMIUT		29
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK		12
TIKIGAQ		12 [VERIFY]
BARROW HIGH	34	

2024–2025 (game totals)

SCHOOL	SCHOOL	MIXED SIX
KALI		21
ALAK		22
MEADE RIVER		28
TRAPPER		18 WEATHERED OUT
NUNAMIUT		25
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK		11 WEATHERED OUT 2X
TIKIGAQ		22
BARROW HIGH	39 MULTIPLE I-GAME TOURNAMENTS	

BASKETBALL

1A

1A Basketball Regionals were held in Kaktovik on February 26-28. 6 girls and 5 boys teams participated in the 3-day double-elimination tournament. Nunamiut boys and girls prevailed and qualified for the State Tournament. A 2-day storm came in and the Kaktovik community and NSBSD staff came to the rescue!

Prom and the awards ceremony were postponed to Sunday night but we found a new tradition from all of the delays. The awards ceremony will now be after prom dinner as the photos with most athletes dressed for Prom.

Nunamiut went to the ASAA State Basketball Tournament in Anchorage on March 11-14. Both teams lost their first two games and were eliminated from the tournament.



2A

2A Basketball Regionals were held at Dimond HS in Anchorage on March 5-7. The Tikigaq girls were ranked 5th coming into the tournament. They went 1-2 and ended in 4th place. The Tikigaq boys were ranked 4th and went 4-1, taking 2nd place to qualify for the State tournament. The Tikigaq boys went to the ASAA State Basketball Tournament in Anchorage on March 12-14 as the 6th seed. They went 1-2 and placed 6th in the tournament.

Tikigaq hosted the 2A Regional tournament at Dimond High School in March.



3A — Barrow Whalers

3A Basketball Regionals were held in Kotzebue on March 5-7. The girls were seeded #1 and went 2-0, beating Kotzebue in the championship game. The boys were seeded #2, ending the weekend 2-1 to finish 2nd and qualify for the state tournament.

The Barrow girls basketball team went into the 3A State Tournament ranked #1. Barrow beat Kotzebue 71-20 in the first round and won 50-39 over 3-time defending champion Grace Christian. Barrow took on Monroe in the championship. After a close game throughout, the Lady Whalers pulled ahead late in the 4th quarter to win their 6th State Championship, 56-49. Aiga Unutoa, Zadah Unutoa, and Kylen Burnell were selected to the All-Tournament Team. The All-State Girls Team was well represented by the Lady Whalers — First Team: Aiga Unutoa and Kylen Burnell; Second Team: Zadah Unutoa; Third Team: Faagi Unutoa. Senior Aiga Unutoa was named 3A Girls Player of the Year!

BASKETBALL

The Barrow boys were ranked 3rd going into the State tournament. Barrow was down by 10 points early in the 4th quarter to the 6th-ranked Kenai Cardinals, then went on an 18–3 run to win the first-round game 59–50. Then came conference rival Nome in the semi-finals. Nome and Barrow have battled all year, and once again they did not disappoint the fans. Barrow prevailed 63–50 and headed back to the State Championship game for the first time since 2018. The State Championship game versus #1 seed Mt. Edgecumbe will be talked about and remembered for years to come. Barrow and Edgecumbe battled through a historic triple-overtime thriller, with the Braves edging the Whalers 98–97. Jaziah Tivao and Alex Fruean were named to the All-Tournament Team. The All-State Boys Team selections were Jaziah Tivao on the 2nd Team, and Alex Fruean was selected to the 1st Team. Alex Fruean was also named the 3A Boys Player of the Year!



Basketball Games 2024–2026

2025–2026

SCHOOL	SCHEDULED	BOYS	GIRLS
KALI	19	15 ON / 3 OFF	16 ON / 3 OFF
ALAK	19	16 ON / 3 OFF [VERIFY]	13 ON / 3 OFF
MEADE RIVER	19	13 ON / 0 OFF	20 ON / 3 OFF
TRAPPER	19	11 ON / 4 OFF	12 ON / 3 OFF
NUNAMIUT	19	5 ON / 7 OFF	5 ON / 7 OFF
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK	19	9 ON / 0 OFF	NO TEAM
TIKIGAQ	22 [VERIFY]	14 ON / 7 OFF	10 ON / 8 OFF
BARROW HIGH	22	7 ON / 15 OFF	7 ON / 16 OFF

2024–2025

SCHOOL	SCHEDULED	BOYS	GIRLS
KALI	19	11 ON/0 OFF	10 ON/0 OFF
ALAK	19	12 ON/3 OFF	12 ON/3 OFF
MEADE RIVER	0	NO TEAM	NO TEAM
TRAPPER	19	13 ON/0 OFF	11 ON/0 OFF
NUNAMIUT	19	13 ON/6 OFF	14 ON/6 OFF
HAROLD KAVEOLOOK	19	NO TEAM	7 ON/ 1 OFF
TIKIGAQ	23	6 ON/ 17 OFF	4 ON/ 16 OFF
BARROW HIGH	24	9 ON/ 17 OFF	9 ON/ 15 OFF

CHEERLEADING

The Barrow High School cheer team attended the State Cheer Competition in Anchorage on March 17th. The team placed 3rd overall in Division II. Dayna Olemaun and Marck Ortila made the All-Tournament Team.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Below are the results for the NSBSD teams competing in the 2026 Battle of the Books. We had 8 schools participate this year, and all did an excellent job representing their school!



2026

SCHOOL	GRADES	PLACE
BARROW HIGH	9TH-12TH	1ST PLACE
HOPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	7TH-8TH	1ST PLACE
HOPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	5TH-6TH	1ST PLACE
TIKIGAQ SCHOOL	1ST, 3RD-4TH	1ST PLACE

ROBOTICS

The Regional Robotics competition was held on January 17th at Hopson Middle School. Six schools competed, with HMS coming out on top to represent NSBSD at the State competition held in Anchorage on February 21st. Meade River will also go to State to compete in the Robot Game competition.



Final Results

AWARD	WINNER
CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD	HOPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOWOLVES
ROBOT GAME AWARD	MEADE RIVER ROBOEAGLES (180 PTS)
INNOVATION PROJECT AWARD	IPALOOK ELEMENTARY CYBER SPIRIT OF THE NORTH
ROBOT DESIGN AWARD	ALAK SCHOOL CYBER HUSKIES
PERSEVERANCE AWARD	TRAPPER BOTS
CORE VALUES AWARD	HAROLD KAVEOLOOK ROBORAMS
COACH OF THE YEAR	TY GRAHAM, ALAK SCHOOL

WRESTLING

The Regional Wrestling Tournament was held at Barrow High School on December 13th, 2025 — the first time Barrow has hosted the regional championships in over 20 years. Barrow Whalers sent 16 boys and 6 girls to this one-day tournament. The Barrow boys came out on top as Regional Champions and the girls placed 2nd . Barrow qualified 9 boys and 3 girls for the ASAA State Championships in Anchorage on December 19th and 20th.

At the State Tournament the boys wrestling team placed 13th out of 42 teams. Sioeli Tuifua made it to the championship match at the 285lb weight class but he was defeated by fall by Kenai Central’s Thaddeus Lingenfelter.

The Whalers have a very strong team coming back next season.



FOOTBALL

Barrow finished the regular season with a 5–2 overall record and a 5–0 conference record. The Whalers captured the Mid-Alaska Conference Championship and hosted the State Semi-Final game against Kenai. Barrow prevailed 28–14 and headed to their 6th State Championship appearance in the program’s 20-year history. They played Homer for the 3rd time this season, having split the first two games. Homer prevailed 20–0.



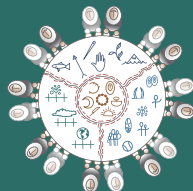
NYO

The 1st Annual Big Bob Traditional NYO Games took place in early January at BHS. 7 schools and over 60 student-athletes participated in 11 events over 3 days. The event was very successful, and we will have all 8 schools and more athletes attend in the future. This event is already in the planning stages for next January, 2027.

For the first time in over 20 years, we hosted a Regional NYO event at BHS to qualify athletes for the State NYO Championships in Anchorage on April 16–18. All 8 villages participated, with over 50 athletes competing in the 11 traditional NYO events. The top 2 in each event represented NSBSD on Team A and Team B at the State meet.

At the State NYO meet in Anchorage, Samuel Arey won two events — the Two-Foot High Kick and the Toe Kick — and placed 2nd in the One-Foot High Kick. Lilianna Simmonds-Rexford placed 3rd in the One-Hand Reach. Both are from BHS. Forrest Olemaun of Barrow was among the five NYO Academic Scholarship recipients at the 2026 games.





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