

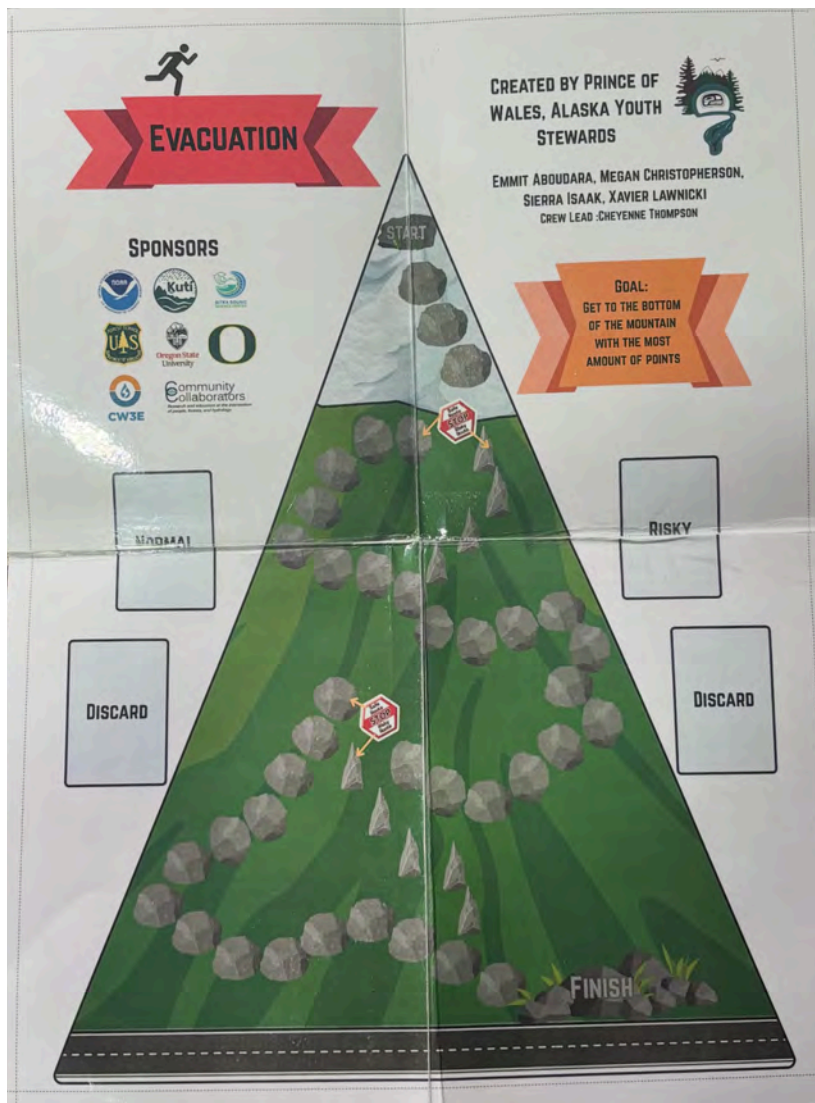


AK-TRAILS BOARD REPORT September 2025



Enrollment: AK-TRAILS has 43 students who have completed enrollment on file; 29 are statewide students from around the Anchorage area, and 14 are local to Southeast. Four of the local students are partially enrolled in another SISD school, and using AK-TRAILS for specialty classes or credit recovery options. Seven of our students are seniors this year. Many have taken advanced courses and will graduate well above the minimum credit requirement.

Student Spotlight: This summer, AK-TRAILS student Megan Christopherson was selected



to be a part of the Alaska Youth Stewards work program. This program is sponsored by Sealaska, Tlingit & Haida, the USFS, and several universities and other partner organizations. Students have the opportunity to learn skills alongside professionals and try out many stewardship job opportunities, such as trail building and maintenance, stream restoration, tree coring, recording species in reforestation plots, rain gauge projects, beach cleanup, and subsistence activities. As part of her work, Megan's crew worked with a hydrologist and other scientists to study landslide areas on Prince of Wales Island, developing a game to raise risk awareness. At the end of August, Megan and another member of her

crew had the opportunity to travel to Juneau and present their work-and this board game-at the Southeast Tribal Environmental Forum (SETEF). Megan is now looking into the possibility of making copies of the game prototype to share with others as a teaching tool.



SCAN FOR AGENDA

AFTERNOON AGENDA
Tuesday, August 26

1:00 PM	Alaska Youth Stewards
1:20 PM	Stream Team: Involving Youth in Data Analysis
1:40 PM	Salmon in the Classroom
2:10 PM	Understanding Ocean Acidification in Southeast Alaska
2:40 PM	Break
3:10 PM	Mariculture Opportunities
3:20 PM	Impacts of Alaska Mariculture Cluster on Tribal Communities
3:30 PM	Training from NAFWS
3:50 PM	Engaging Indigenous Knowledge in Alaska Fisheries Management
4:10 PM	Southeast Village Fisheries Collective

Classes: Cassandra and Melanie have been working hard these past few weeks to meet with families, complete students' learning plans, and order curriculum and supplies.

Sports: Local students have the opportunity to participate in sports at an SISD school. Four AK-TRAILS students (6 if you count dual enrollments) have joined SISD's volleyball team, and are looking forward to the season ahead.

Testing: Local schools are graciously working to accommodate students who are participating in this round of assessment (thank you!). However, most AK-TRAILS families have opted out of MAP, mClass, and other forms of standardized assessment, choosing instead to monitor their students' progress independently through other means.

Social media: Check out AK-TRAILS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Report Respectfully Submitted by Cassandra Christopherson

SISD Vision:

"Students are equipped to achieve their dreams and aspirations"

SISD Mission:

"Set a foundation by cultivating experiences for students to develop goals and thrive in an ever-changing world."