

Founded in 1995 as a scholarship opportunity for a single Indigenous student, ANSEP has grown into a program whose mission is to provide the best possible education for every student in Alaska by building a robust foundation for college success and professional development.



STUDENTS GAIN:

- College-level academic experience in high school.
- Enhanced self-confidence, time management, and critical thinking skills.
- Experience in real-world STEM environments and local projects.
- Understanding of college and career pathways that position them for early college graduation and competitive workforce entry.
- A network of dedicated and supportive peers

NOME ACCELERATION ACADEMY FALL 2025 REPORT

(AUGUST 26 - DECEMBER 12, 2025)

Nome's Acceleration Academy provides local high school students direct, enhanced opportunities to learn and pursue postsecondary opportunities and pathways. Integrating cultural programming with community-based learning, the Nome ANSEP Acceleration Academy partners with local businesses, research institutions, social services, tribal bodies, and government agencies to bolster academic achievement and postsecondary readiness.

The ANSEP Acceleration Academy is open to all Nome Public School students in grades 9–12, offering dual-credit enrollment through the University of Alaska. The program incorporates structured recitation time, student status meetings, and consistent communication with families to provide students with intensive, hands-on support needed for success. Students are encouraged to pursue school leadership, athletics and club activities, and are eligible for postsecondary scholarships and resources upon graduation from ANSEP.

The Nome Acceleration Academy is made possible through collaboration with many partners: Nome School Board, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Bering Straits Native Corporation, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Norton Sound Health Corporation, Northwest Alaska Career and Technical Center and the Rasmuson Foundation.



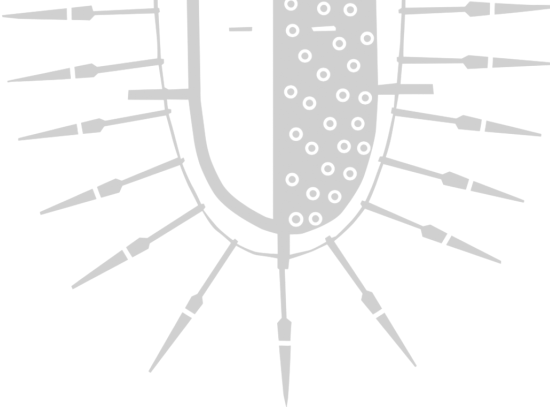
NOME FALL 2025 PROGRAM NUMBERS

- 11 ANSEP Acceleration Academy students
- 2 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 1 sophomore, 3 freshman
- Rigorous curriculum
- 9 students enrolled full time (12 credits)
 - 2 students enrolled over half time (7 & 11 credits)

Student Average GPA for Fall 2025 semester: 3.44*

*As of 12/2, anticipating increase after final grade entry deadline-12/17





FRIDAY ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES

- INVOLVE LOCAL EXPERTS
- INTEGRATE CULTURE
- INCLUDE PARTNERS
- INSPIRE PLACE
- INVESTIGATE FUTURE

FALL 2025 SEMESTER FRIDAY ENRICHMENT PARTNERS:

- UAF MARINE ADVISORY PROGRAM
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- UNAATAQ PILGRIM HOT SPRINGS
- NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION TRIBAL HEALER - ETTA TALL
- KAWERAK COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
- KATIRVIK CULTURAL CENTER
- UKPEAGVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION ARCTIC RESEARCH & LOGISTICS
- OAK RIDGE NGEER ARCTIC
- NOME ARTIST - LISA LEEPER
- BERING STRAIT NATIVE CORPORATION MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
- NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
- RURAL ALASKA ANIMAL RESOURCES/PAWS OF NOME
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
 - NEST (NOME EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM) MEAL PREP & DONATION
 - ACSA ANNUAL CAMPOUT CLEANUP
 - NOME INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION SETUP + CLEANUP

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS & SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCES

- Academy Hydroponics: Plant choice, set up, growth monitoring and harvest
- NACTEC- Driver's Ed Training: 3 ANSEP students pursued NACTEC drivers education for drivers permit, practice testing and behind the wheel experience
- REAP (Rural Alaska Energy Program): Jenny Starr provided sustainable energy education, collecting data on ANSEP Acceleration Academy energy usage.

ANSEP won the 2025 Bering Strait Regional Power Pledge Challenge!

- Katirvik Cultural Center - Inupiaq Language Development:
 - Attended Ilisazaqativut - Inupiaq language Summit at KCC
 - Inupiaq Story Hour - Assisted Amber Ataasiaq Otton with language immersion experience and event
- Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Preparedness: Rich Thoman presented Strait Science local weather data and climate change impacts
- Alaska Health Education Center: 9 students received Mental Health First Aid Certification from Vincent Villella (AHEC)



LOOKING AHEAD: SPRING 2026

- 11 students enrolled for Spring '26 semester
 - 9 students over full time (12 - 14 credits)
 - 2 students over half time (10 - 11 credits)

Friday Enrichments: Local food production, marine mammal education, leather applied arts and crafts, water safety/swimming instruction, dog mushing, college preparation & career development, outdoor winter sports activities

