

AK-TRAILS BOARD REPORT Sept. 2024



Enrollment: We've had a little fluctuation, but have settled in with 14 full time K-12 students, two students dual enrolled with one of our district site schools, and a senior who is enrolled with us for 3 classes needed for graduation. We currently have 3 elementary students, 2 middle schoolers, and 12 high schoolers. 3 additional AK-TRAILS students are currently taking advantage of the AATSA program at PA, and should return to AK-TRAILS after its conclusion.

<u>**Classes:</u>** The beginning of the school year was a whirlwind of meetings, getting laptops in the hands of students, setting up classes, and ordering curriculum. All 17 learning plan meetings have been conducted (all but new arrivals within the first week and a half of school). The majority of parents have received their curriculum, and students are busy working away! We have students taking GERs, but also interest driven elective classes in everything from aviation to equestrian studies. Some students are even taking college courses through the Alaska Advantage program, and others are enjoying distance delivered district-taught classes such as Russian, or Ginger White's EdRising Leadership Development class.</u>



<u>Sports & Events:</u>

We have 6 AK-TRAILS high school students participating in volleyball in Thorne Bay! Everyone is very excited for this season.

Two 10th grade AK-TRAILS students applied for (and were subsequently chosen for) the recent 9th-10th grade post secondary opportunity excursion to Ketchikan and Juneau. Students toured the UAS campuses and technical education centers in both cities, and also visited the glacier! Two AK-TRAILS 11th graders are excited for the upcoming 11th-12th grade post secondary trip to Anchorage, Soldotna, and Valdez.



Testing: We have encouraged MAP and Mclass assessments for all students. Some families have taken advantage of this, but many others have opted out. Of the families desiring testing, all but one student has been assessed, and this is planned. Thank you to Matt Gore and the Coffman Cove staff for making this happen!

Professional Development: This summer, Cassandra Christopherson finished up a graduate certificate in literacy and language development through the University of Alaska Anchorage. As part of her practicum, she provided individualized instruction for a handful of students in our district for three weeks. This fall, Cassandra is enrolled in a Reading Assessment & Instruction course, working towards a master's degree as a Reading Specialist through the University of Alaska Southeast.

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."