



**Barrow High School
SAC Report
November, 2025**

Principal: Nancy Zook

Assistant Principal: Paul Bartos

Building Leadership Team: Dana Hilchey, Raed Mikhael, and Rod Miguel

SAC Members:

Seat 1 Daniel Thomas; expires 10-26

Seat 2 Asisaun Toovak, expires 10/27

Seat 3 Tina Wolgemuth; President; expires 10/27

Seat 4 Stacy Bowen; expires 10/25

Seat 5 Sarah Tua'I; expires 10/25

Seat 6 Forrest Olemaun; expires 10/27

Seat 7 Justina Wilhelm; expires 10/25

Enrollment:

Whaler Student Count

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
58	62	52	56	228

August	2024	2025
Freshmen	77.26	77.87
Sophomores	72.86	78.76
Juniors	76.01	81.36
Seniors	69.21	75.34
Overall	74.22	78.34

September	2024	2025
Freshmen	76.46	79.67
Sophomores	76.24	81.29
Juniors	76.63	83.49
Seniors	71.84	77.14
Overall	74	80.39

October	2024	2025
Freshmen	76.88	80.69
Sophomores	73.84	77.64
Juniors	70.71	80.53
Seniors	73.52	76.61
Overall	73.83	78.85

**Staff:**

Teachers: 25	Substitute Full-Time: 0
Counselor: 1	Support: (Secretary/Home School Facilitator) 1.5
Special Education: 2	M&O (Facilities/Custodial/Kitchen): 6
Para Professionals: 1 + 1 library aide	Intensive SPED Paraprofessionals: 1

BHS hired a new instructional paraprofessional and a part-time secretary/receptionist, however BHS is still short five staff positions. 1 FTE secretary, 1 science teacher, 1 special education teacher, 1 interventionist and 1 SPED paraprofessional

Glows:

- First Arts Showcase of 2025 on Monday November 3.
- Fall band concert at HMS
- 1st Quarter attendance and honors awards assembly held on October 28th.
- Ninety-six students earned awards for 90% or higher attendance during the 1st quarter.
- One Hundred and twenty two students earned academic honors in the first quarter.
- Implementation of the “Captains’ Council.’ Developed by Coach Downing this council is an opportunity for student leadership development and includes student leaders in sports, student government, academics and the arts. This month athletic teams met with community leader Avaiyak Burnell. See below in Goal 1 for details on the event.
- Drama, journalism, creative writing and Inupiaq Literature and Composition are all courses being taught this fall and BHS.
- Journalism class completed the first edition of a new student newsletter.
- The new kiln has been installed in the art room - awaiting electrical repair of faulty breaker box.
- The wood shop and metals shops have undergone a deep cleaning in preparation for greater use during QLC Intensives and for the eventual reopening of these areas for community use one evening per week.
- For the first time a BHS student photographer and reporter working with the Arctic Sounder accompanied a team (football) to the state tournament.
- BHS Cross Country finished a successful season with three student athletes participating at the state meet - Dana Olemaun, Flossie Olemaun and Adele Thomas.

Areas of Growth:

- Attendance - the district goal is 90%
- Staffing – We are missing five staff positions – 1 science instructor. 1 Special education instructor. 1 instructional paraprofessional. 1 SPED paraprofessional. 1 secretary.
- MAP - better student understanding of the use of MAP testing in identifying areas of growth and skills that need to be reinforced in their learning.



Strategic Plan Goal & Pedagogy Implementation:

Family & Community Collaboration

Goal 1: Prioritize and implement intentional and purposeful partnerships.

At the first student-athlete leadership meeting, Aveyak Burnell spoke on the theme “*What it Means to be a Whaler*,” and Captains from across the region shared their wisdom with Aveyak, drawing on years of experience and responsibility to their own crews. Aveyak provided a tremendous slide show with quotes and pictures.

The evening was powerful. Student-athlete team captains were asked to stand and speak aloud about what leadership, teamwork, and dedication mean to them. Hearing their voices carried through the room resonating the leadership capabilities of our student-athletes. This was a moment of growth and pride for not only the student-athletes but coaches and administrators in attendance.

BHS completed the fall Music concert with the middle school at HMS. BHS also completed our first arts showcase for the year and it included an art display, a display of skin sewing and beadwork, woodworking projects, short play put on by drama club and a special musical performance by a student musician, singer/songwriter performing an original song.

Culturally Responsive Instruction

Goal 2: All students perform at or above grade level

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) fall testing occurred September 22–30. Make up testing was completed the following week. These assessments provide teachers with reliable data to guide instructional decisions and support individualized learning for all students. Recently Wednesday professional development time has been used for teachers to meet by subject area and review MAP scores for their students, identifying specific skills that need to be reinforced and modifying instructional materials to better meet students where they are at.

During TSP periods on Fridays interventions such as My Path and Aleks are used to assist students academically.

Goal 3: All students are prepared for their pathway of choice post-high school

The YouScience curriculum has been implemented at Barrow High School and complements the Timichut Suvumom Plan framework by supporting students in exploring career pathways and setting future goals. YouScience is an online platform where students engage in interactive “brain games” designed to identify their interests and aptitudes, helping to determine career clusters that align with their strengths. The program also outlines specific skills necessary for careers allowing students to identify and focus on the skills they need to be successful in a career path of their interest and choice. These activities take place every Tuesday during 7th period.



BHS students participated in QLC intensives with 2 students recently completing the two week construction intensive held onsite in the BHS wood shop. Students also participated in the cosmetology intensive.

Goal 4: Graduate bilingual students

BHS has Inupiaq language classes offered every period of the day. All freshmen are enrolled in language class as the freshmen will be the first class of students to have 2 years of language as a requirement for graduation.

Inupiaq Literature and Composition is a revived class now on the master schedule this semester..

During the month of September, the Cultural Dance Class began traveling to IPK to provide cultural dance performances and demonstrations for the elementary students. Furthermore, a new tradition was established at Barrow High School, all school assemblies now begin with drumming and dancing. At the introduction of this tradition, students were both excited and surprised, and the response from both students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive. This addition has strengthened school spirit and cultural pride within our school community.

Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Goal 5: Facilitate & maintain culturally, emotionally, & physically safe learning environments

The Timichiati Sivunmun Plan has been implemented this school year during our new TSP period. Wayfinder is a program used two days a week to focus on social emotional learning topics and activities. A recent activity centered around bullying and specifically what the term gaslighting means and how to identify when someone is being gaslighted and how to handle the conversation or situation effectively. Students are also participating in VTC-wide guest speaker sessions featuring Superintendent Vediveloo and Assistant Superintendent Mulvenon, among others. These baseline activities are designed to provide a strong foundation in leadership and for moving students toward more focused areas of interest and career exploration.

Staff Support & Professional Development

Goal 6: Build and sustain a thriving workforce aligned with the mission of this District.

Staff participated in an introductory training on restorative justice and how to work with students to de-escalate and resolve conflict. This training was in addition to our school counselor working with classroom groups to teach restorative language allowing students to better advocate for themselves with their classmates and their teachers.

Financial & Operational Stewardship

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Improvement of SOP for fundraising activities and ordering procedures. BHS would like to add a third clover machine for more student activity groups to receive cc payments during tournaments and sports events.



Upcoming Events:

- **11/7-8 HSVB @ Regional (Bethel)**
- **11/7-8 HSWR @ Barrow Tournament**
- **11/12 Picture Retakes**
- **11/13-15 HSVB @ State (Anchorage)**
- **11/21-22 HSWR @ Lancer Smith Tournament**
- **11/26 Fun Night @ Barrow High School (Junior Class)**
- **12/2 Fall Sports Awards Ceremony**
- **12/3 HSBB Practice Begins**
- **12/5-6 HSWR @ Grace/Service (Anchorage)**
- **1/20 1st Semester Honors and Attendance Awards**