

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Alaska Technical Center  
Report

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Joseph Groves, Director of Alaska Technical Center, reports on the following:

The report includes key highlights and information for the FY26 school year.

### FY25 ATC/STAR STAFF DIRECTORY

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Joe Groves, Director ATC &  
STAR of the NW Magnet School  
John Crabb Assistant Director ATC &  
STAR of the NW Magnet School

#### **FACULTY AND STAFF**

Lucy Nelson, Registrar  
Clay Beck, Career Pathway Specialist  
Lindsay Greene, Secretary

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

China Kantner, Instructor

#### **CULINARY ARTS**

Chef Alejandro Vargas

#### **CONSTRUCTION TRADES**

Vacant

#### **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS**

Cindy Lincoln, Instructor

#### **Education Program – Illsautri Grant**

Aletha Duchene

#### **CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION/ READISTAR**

Marc Tumaneng, Instructor  
“Vacant” Instructor

### **NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MISSION:** To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel  
**VISION:** To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future



## **DORMITORY**

Dawn Crabb, Dorm Parent STAR  
Marlene Centino, Dorm Attendant STAR  
Peter Lie, Dorm Attendant STAR  
Mary Nauska, Dorm Attendant ATC

## **Funding Update:**

State grants are determined and reauthorized annually by the legislature. These grants have been awarded and are currently being finalized with the state.

- a. FY26 ACA Alaska Construction Academy- \$148,897.00
- b. FY26 TVEP Technical Vocational Education Program- \$2,290,800.00
- c. FY26 ABE- Adult Basic Education - \$68,475.29 -Potentially more to be released
- d. FY25 Maniilaq GED Partnership- \$42,117.20 (Fiscal Year Federal)

## **ATC Hosting Events:**

The ATC building/dorms hosted several events over the summer. These included the ANSEP 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp, Alaska Job Center, Qatnut Dancers, 12 Volt Basic Electricity Class, Veteran's Meeting, Alaska Humanities (C3), University of Alaska with multiple venues, NANA Housing Summit, Congressman Begich's visit, and Arctic Edge U.S. Special Operations.

## **KMHS – ATC COLLABORATIVE SCHEDULING:**

KMHS and ATC collaborated to align course offerings and minimize duplication. HS counselor Mrs. Troyer worked with students to identify vocational interests and then planned the rest of their schedules around those interests. The ATC Sem 1 2025-26 schedule is below:

1st Semester ATC							
ATC Construction Trades (Vacant)	ATC Health Occupations (Lincoln)		Defensive Driving (Vacant)	ATC Culinary (Alejandro Vargas)	CTE (Vacant)	CTE (Tumaneng)	Dual Credit-Duchane
	Medical Termanalogy			CTE108 Culinary Arts I		RDYSTAR100	
						CTE220 Design & Fabrication I	
	Intro to Health Careers					VOC 103 Business Software I	Writing-F111
lunch					lunch		
	CNA					RDYSTAR100	
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## STAR of the Northwest Magnet School:

We are currently working with 16 students to be full-time STAR students. There are seven returning students from Noorvik, Barrow, Kobuk, Buckland, and Noatak who have completed paperwork. We have added nine additional full-time students from Kobuk, Selawik, Kivalina, Barrow, and Noorvik. Several other students are in the process of applying.

## ReadiSTAR:

The ReadiSTAR schedule for the first semester is below.



## ReadiSTAR 2025-26 FALL SCHEDULE



September 8-17, 2025	ORV/IAN RS1
September 22-Oct 1, 2025	WLK RS1
October 6-15, 2025	BKC RS1
October 22-31 2025	KVL/WTM RS1
November 3-14 2025	DRG RS1
November 18-25, 2025	OTZ RS1
December 2-11, 2025	ABL/SHG/OBU RS1
December 15-19	No Readistar Finals/Grades

# EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ilisautri Grant  
August Update

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Participants in Education Preparation Programs

- **22 participants**
  - 2 community members
  - 12 NWABSD staff
  - 8 student EdRising Conference Attendees

### Tuition Reimbursement/Stipend

- **8 recipients**
- 2 graduated and employed by NWABSD

### Apprenticeships

- **6 apprentices** - Arctic Resource Community Foundation
- 3 of our 6 apprentices had a chance to go to an educational bootcamp in Hilo this July where they learned about creating lessons that reflect indigenous traditions and teachings.

### Class offerings

- Dual Credit through UAF
  - ED-F111
  - WRTG-F111

### Educators Rising

- **8 students** went to the Educators Rising National Conference in Orlando, Florida this summer.
- There has been interest in starting multiple chapters across the district, led by our EdRising Lead teacher, Jane Quiñones.





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## ATC Full-time Programs

Construction Trades  
Culinary Arts  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Welding I  
Small Engines Repair

TBD  
Begins Aug 18  
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TBD  
Begins Jan 5

## 2025-2026 ATC Short Course Schedule

Electric Vehicle Maintenance  
Heavy Equipment Operator  
Heavy Equipment Operator Practicum, Testing, Certification  
Toyo Stove Repair  
Boiler and Furnace Repair  
CDL Training  
CDL Practicum, Testing, Certification  
MS Office 365 Bootcamp

July 20-25  
Sept 22 – Oct 3 Kotzebue  
Oct 6 – 24 Palmer  
Oct 6 – 10 Kotzebue  
Oct 20-24 Kotzebue  
Oct 27 – 31 Kotzebue  
Nov 3 – 21 Palmer  
Nov 30 – Dec 5 Kotzebue

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TBD

Heavy Equipment Mechanic  
Heavy Equipment Mechanic (cont'd)

Dec 1 – 19 Kotzebue  
Jan 5 – 23 Palmer

Rural Water/Wastewater services ANTHC

Mar Placeholder (tentative)

CDL Training  
CDL Practicum, Testing, Certification

Feb 2 – 6 Kotzebue  
Feb 9 – 27 Palmer

CLASS D Driver's License

TBD

Heavy Equipment Operator  
Heavy Equipment Practicum, Testing, Certification  
Introductory 12 Volt Battery System Course

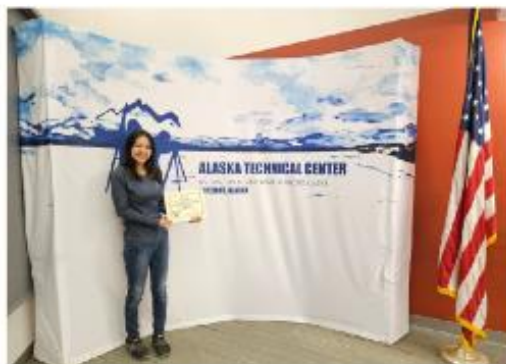
April 20 – May 1  
May 4 – 22 Palmer  
July 2026 TBD

COURSE	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	Completed
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	Completed
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	Completed
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	Completed
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	No Show
Electric Vehicle Maintenance	7/21/25	7/25/25	Completed
Heavy Equipment Operator	9/22/25	10/24/25	Accepted
Heavy Equipment Operator	9/22/25	10/24/25	Accepted
Heavy Equipment Operator	9/22/25	10/24/25	Accepted
Heavy Equipment Operator	9/22/25	10/24/25	Accepted
Heavy Equipment Operator	9/22/25	10/24/25	Accepted
CDL Training	10/27/25	11/21/25	Accepted
CDL Training	10/27/25	11/21/25	Accepted
CDL Training	10/27/25	11/21/25	Accepted
CDL Training	10/27/25	11/21/25	Pending
Culinary Arts	8/18/25	5/26/25	Accepted
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<b>Welding 1</b>	8/18/25	12/19/25	Pending hire Instructor
Certified Nursing Assistant	8/18/25	5/26/25	Accepted
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Above is the current Accepted/Pending students for ATC courses

# GED Program at ATC

2024-2025



Jaelyn Luther of Buckland holds her GED diploma. Jaelyn wants to be an actress.

## Enrollment

- 74 students enrolled and studied for their GED this year!
- Students spent over 1400 hours studying.
- Students are located in Shungnak, Kobuk, Kiana, Noorvik, Selawik, Kotzebue, Buckland, Kivalina and Noatak.

## Village Outreach

- Site visits have been held in Kivalina, Noorvik, Selawik, Buckland, Kobuk and Noatak.
- Zoom class is offered weekly on Thursdays for all village students.
- Three intensives were held in Kotzebue this year, inviting students from Noatak, Buckland, Noorvik, Kivalina, Selawik, and Kobuk.

## GED/ATC Co-Enrollment

- 5 GED students co-enrolled in ATC programs including Certified Nurse's Assistant, Driver's Education and Boiler and Toyo Repair.

## GED Class of 2024-2025

Larry Sherman of Valdez/Kotzebue  
Bryana Harvey of Kotzebue/Noatak  
Tristen Lincoln of Kotzebue  
Rudy Thomas Jr of Buckland  
Ethel Gavin of Buckland  
Teddy Reed Jr of Kotzebue  
Ezekiel Lane of Kotzebue  
Jaelyn Luther of Buckland  
Audrey Wood of Kobuk  
Deziray Ivanoff of Kotzebue  
Kayla Lane of Kotzebue  
Ayden Thomas of Kotzebue  
Angeline Oktollik of Kivalina



## Student Spotlights

- **Ezekiel Lane of Kotzebue** passed his GED at age 17. Many of his KMHS classmates came to graduation to cheer him on. Zeke loves to cook and hopes to work in a restaurant.
- **Audrey Wood of Kobuk** completed her GED in May, attending a site visit in Kobuk and an intensive in Kotzebue. She hopes to work at Red Dog and help her aana with her store.
- **Ethel Gavin of Buckland** passed her GED tests this spring after attending a site visit in Buckland and an intensive in Kotzebue. She is interested in working in childcare.
- **Angeline Oktollik of Kivalina** attended two math intensives this year. Despite many difficult tests, she is always eager to learn. She passed her last GED test and graduated.