

Alaska Native Cultural Charter School - Renewal Application Summary

The Anchorage School District (ASD) approved Alaska Native Cultural Charter School's (ANCC) renewal application on November 01, 2021, for 10 years, through the end of SY 2031-2032. Alaska Native Cultural Charter School first opened in 2007 and last renewed in 2012. ANCC currently enrolls students in grades Pre-K-8th. ANCCS has an agreement for the Title I preschool but does not operate the program.

Program Information:

Alaska Native Cultural Charter School uses indigenous frameworks to guide instruction to build academic excellence and success through Alaska Native traditional ways of life, knowing, and values. ANCCS offers an educational program designed to meet all academic standards by implementing ASD curriculum with adaptations. These adaptations include weekly grade level cultural lessons that currently include, but not limited to: the use of Math in A Cultural Context, use of Indigenous literature, use of traditional ways of knowing when it comes to the physical environment for science, and the traditional ways of living for social studies. In addition, ANCCS uses a holistic approach to student behaviors and interactions through Yuuyaraq (way of being) that encompasses Ellangariyaraq (restorative practices).

ANCCS uses ASD's adopted curriculum texts, scope, and sequence, and assessment methodologies. Specific state standards are identified, developed, and evaluated during content study for core academic areas. Assessment, both formative and summative, is embedded and authentic. Through the implementation of the Yuuyaraq framework, ANCCS has a year-long plan of how Alaska Native Culture is blended into all academic areas. The APC also continues to explore Indigenous curriculums for alignment with the ANCCS mission and purpose, as well as, to support student overall outcomes. The APC Curriculum Subcommittee will meet biannually to review new curriculum opportunities.

The ANCCS is housed in the Benson Wing of the Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School on a temporary and indefinite basis to enable the APC to pursue a permanent solution. The school has 14 classrooms. ANCCS currently has an enrollment of 247 students with a goal of future enrollment of approximately 300 students. The APC is developing strategies and defining key goals and milestones that will allow for locating an existing or building a new long-term facility. In 2017, through the non-profit arm of ANCCS, the Friends of ANCCS (FOANCCS), ANCCS signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alaska Pacific University (APU) to lease land on which to build a permanent facility. Work is being done to plan for the new building including fundraising. It is anticipated that the cost of a new building will be around \$30,000,000. Currently, ANCCS has \$2.1 million in savings for a new facility.

The ANCCS follows the ASD budget deadlines and requirements and uses the ASD accounting system to place orders and account for funding. The budget for 2021-2022 is just over \$3.2 million.

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School Mission:

Realize the reality of our unique urban environment with its rich Alaskan Native traditions including cultural corporations and organizations, and in partnership develop well prepared Alaska Native students who contribute and are able to contribute to the community.

Educational Programming/Specific levels of achievement:

ANCCS recognizes the need to improve student standardized measures. ANCCS acknowledges the multigenerational trauma and the marginalization that accompanies that condition on families and their children. ANCCS' goal is to build success and for students to meet or exceed the levels of achievement established by ASD and the State. ANCCS sets goals annually towards student growth through their Title I plan. Goals change yearly based on student needs demonstrated by gathered data.

PEAKS 2018-2019

ELA % Proficiency 24.83%

Math % Proficiency 34.25%