

**2004-2005
Parents'
Handbook for
School Age Children,
Middle and High School Youth**



Connecting Families, Schools & Communities

**Arctic Stryker Brigade
School Liaison Services
Building 4176
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703**

School Liaison Officer Welcome

Welcome to Fairbanks and the interior of Alaska. We are very proud of our community and look forward to sharing the experience of living, working and thriving in midst of the Last Frontier.

Fort Wainwright is a superb place for families. In addition to great amenities and recreational facilities found on the installation, our location offers local schools committed to providing a quality education for our families. The golden heart of Interior Alaska is richly endowed with open spaces, cultural activities, and gateway to adventures where you can build memories to last a lifetime.

The school system serving Fort Wainwright, Alaska is the Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District with 32 schools and more than 14,500 students. Serving families living on Fort Wainwright Garrison there are three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. One elementary, one middle school and one high school service the Walden Estates housing area.

The average Fairbanks student placed in the 61st percentile on national standardized tests. Class size varies from school to school, but the district wide average is 23 students per class. Students from our district come from 50 different language backgrounds reflecting the district's rich cultural environment. The Fairbanks school system is committed to providing and maintaining a learning and working environment in which racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious differences are recognized and valued.

We, the Army, enjoy a positive relationship with the community and school system. Our commitment as members of the Fairbanks North-Star Borough community is very strong—we will need your help to expand this relationship to help improve our schools. Please consider volunteering in your children's schools and the school your unit sponsors.

Again, welcome to your new school. If you are new to Fort Wainwright, I assure you will this will be one of your most rewarding assignments! If you have more questions about our schools please contact the School Liaison Officer at the Child & Youth Services at DSN 315-353-9377, commercial 907-353-9377, or e-mail dave.start@us.army.mil. In addition, you will find detailed information for schools at the school district's web site: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/>.

William David Start
Youth Education Support Services
Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District

School Liaison Officer

Fort Wainwright has a fulltime School Liaison Officer to represent soldiers, employees and families with local school issues for public, private and home school needs. Contact your School Liaison by telephone at (907) 353-9377, E-mail: dave.start@us.army.mil or on the web at: <http://mwr.polarnet.com/yess.htm>

General Information (Applies to all Fairbanks North Star Borough Schools)

Last Day of School (2003/2004): 17 May 04

First Day of School (2004/2005): 23 Aug 04

Last Day of School (2004/2005): 25 May 04

New Student Registrations

Bring the following documents at the time of registration:

- Proof of birth date: birth cert, passport, etc...
- Record of immunization
- Legal proof of residence: Letter from housing, settlement or rental contract (a new requirement for 2004/2005).
- Student's Social Security Number:
- IEP: If applicable (best if evaluations are current within past 12-months)
- Legal Documents: As needed (court custody, adoption, foster, etc...)
- Student Transfer Card: Or, last report card from previous school, (recommend you hand carry records from previous school)

School Lunch Program--Cafeteria Prices

Elementary School

<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/business/prepayForm.pdf>

Breakfast: Full/\$1.25, Reduced/\$0.30

Lunch: Full/\$2.25, Reduced/\$0.40

Milk: \$0.50

Middle & High School

http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/business/Secondary_Prepay_Form.pdf

Breakfast: Full/\$1.25, Reduced/\$0.30

Lunch: Full/\$2.50, Reduced/\$0.40

Milk: \$0.50

Menus can be found at: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/menu/menu.html>

Impact Aid: The mission of the Impact Aid Program is to disburse Impact Aid payments to local educational agencies that are financially burdened by federal activities and to provide technical assistance and support services to staff and other interested parties. Our schools use the address and occupation data collected from the registration forms you complete to determine if your

child counts toward this critical federal support. *It is very important you identify yourself as living on Fort Wainwright, being a soldier and/or working for the US Army when you complete this form.* Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to local school districts through the Impact Aid Program. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children.

Kindergarten and Head Start Programs

Kindergarten: Any child who will be 5 years old before September 1 preceding the beginning of the school year is eligible to attend Kindergarten. Students need to enroll at the school they will be attending. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for each pupil entering kindergarten.

Head Start: Head Start is a federally funded program which offers comprehensive services, including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, health, and social services, along with a strong parent involvement focus, to low-income children nationwide. The overall goal of the program is to bring about a greater degree of social competence in preschool children from low-income families. Social competence refers to the child's everyday effectiveness in dealing with both his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life. It takes into account the interrelatedness of cognitive, intellectual, and social development; physical and mental health; and nutritional needs. Is open to ages 3 [by August 14]. Contact the Play 'n Learn Community Head Start at (907) 452-4267 or Fax: (907) 452-4203.

School enrollment, First Grade and up: Children must be 6 years old before September 1 preceding the beginning of the school year to attend first grade. New students need to enroll at the school they will be attending. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required for each pupil entering first grade. All new students must submit proof of immunization before being admitted to school.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA): Fairbanks Council of PTAs provides a forum to unite the activities of local PTA and PTSA units. The Council represents over 2000 local members and families within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month from 7 to 9 PM, at the FNSBSD Central Office, located at 520 5th Avenue, Fairbanks Alaska. Please see the calendar page for specific information on events. PTA leaders, members, teachers, business partners, community organization representatives and interested individuals are encouraged to attend our meetings. The Council focuses on local issues that support the mission and purpose of PTA, which is to advocate for all children—with one voice. More information can be found at: <http://www.fairbankspta.org/index.htm>. We hope you will join us in this effort!

Immunizations

The following charts display the requirements for immunization compliance standards for all students in Kindergarten through 12th Grade in Alaska. The source of this information along with answers to many frequently asked questions can be found at: <http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/manualaugust.pdf>.

Alaska Immunization Compliance Standards FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN Thru 12th GRADE

Dose #	<i>Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DTaP/DT/Td)</i>		<i>Polio (OPV, IPV)</i>		<i>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)</i>	
	Required spacing		Required spacing		Required spacing	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
1	Not valid before 6 wks of age	Before facility entry	Not valid before 6 wks of age	Before facility entry	Not valid before 1st birthday	Before facility entry
2	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1
3	<u>current age less than 7 yrs</u> 1 mo after #2	3 mos after #2	1 mo after #2	1 yr after #2		
	<u>current age 7 yrs or older</u> 6 mos after #2	1 yr after #2				
4	<u>current age less than 7 yrs</u> 4 mos after #3	1 yr after #3				
	<u>current age 7 yrs or older</u> --	--				
5*	<u>current age less than 7 yrs</u> 6 mos after #4 and after 4 yrs of age	Before facility entry				
	<u>current age 7 yrs or older</u> --	--				
<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p> <p>* Dose #5 is not required if an appropriately-spaced dose #4 was received after 4 years of age.</p> <p>Pertussis is not required for a child who is 7 years of age or older.</p> <p>A child who has received 6 or more doses does not require more, regardless of spacing.</p>		<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p> <p>Polio is not required after 18 years of age.</p> <p>Note: For purposes of compliance, 3 doses of appropriately spaced polio vaccine meet Alaska immunization requirements. However, general <i>medical</i> recommendations advise a 4th dose unless the child received the last dose after 4 years of age.</p>		<p>An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.</p> <p>2nd Dose: Although a 2nd dose of mumps and/or rubella is not required at any age, this often is received as a component of MMR (measles/mumps/rubella) vaccine.</p> <p>Rubella is not required after 12 years of age.</p>		
10 year Td Booster	Required within 10 years of last tetanus/diphtheria.					

Alaska Immunization Compliance Standards FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN thru 12TH GRADE

Dose #	Hepatitis A		Hepatitis B	
	Required spacing		Required spacing	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
1	Not valid before 2 nd birthday	Before facility entry	At birth	Before facility entry
2	6 mos after #1	13 mos after #1	1 mo after #1	3 mos after #1
3			2 mos after #2 <i>and</i> at least 4 mos after #1	18 mos after #2
	An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met.		An additional dose is required if minimum spacing requirements are not met. 2-dose option for adolescents: Three (3) appropriately-spaced doses of hepatitis B are required <i>unless</i> the school maintains a copy of a medically-verified record that clearly indicates receipt of 2 doses that meet ALL the following criteria: Vaccine Used <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Merck <i>RecombivaxHB</i>[®] ● "Adult" formulation (contains 10 mcg of hepatitis B surface antigen) Age when BOTH doses were received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11 through 15 years Interval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● at least 4 mos between doses ● compliance "maximum" = 7 mos after #1 	

For compliance purposes:

Age = age in calendar weeks or months (e.g., "by 6 wks of age" or "by 2 mos of age")

Interval between doses calculated as 28 days = 1 month

"Kindergarten" - For the purposes of these guidelines, a "child in kindergarten" is one who was born by August 15th at least five years prior to kindergarten entry. For example, a child entering kindergarten in 2002 must have been born before August 15, 1997. *Definition follows kindergarten age criteria established by the AK Dept of Education and Early Development.*

"Maximum" (under Required Spacing) - refers to the maximum time period before a child who has not received the required number of doses would be considered out of compliance. Doses received *after* the "maximum" intervals are medically acceptable and bring the child back into agreement with compliance standards.

Bus Schedules

You may locate your child's school bus time by going to the school district website:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/transportation/bustrtespage.htm>

For more information, please call the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Transportation Department at 452-2000 ext. 324, 351 or 352, Office Hours are 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Delayed Openings – School Cancellation

If it is necessary to delay the opening of school due to weather and road conditions, all Fairbanks North Star Borough public schools would open two hours later than usual and end at the normal ending time. The announcement for a delayed start to school would be sent to local media, and announced on the district's phone number 452-2000. For instance, a school that normally starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. would start instead at 9:45 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. A school that normally starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. would start at 11:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

For the morning route only, school buses would run two hours later than normal. They would return students at the regular dismissal time in the afternoon.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District works to ensure good communication in the event of icy roads or other cold weather hazards during the winter season. Standard operating procedure is to keep schools open if at all possible, as it is important for students to continue their education in a warm, well-supervised and safe setting. In the event of icy roads, on-going ice fog or other inclement conditions, the following procedure is observed:

- The school bus company, Laidlaw, checks bus routes throughout the district and notifies the superintendent or her designee in the event buses are unable to complete certain routes or there are other difficulties.
- Laidlaw notifies the media if certain routes cannot be run; parents should listen to the radio for updates on bus routes and students should have a back-up plan in the event buses are late or cannot drive certain routes.
- ***In the rare event school must be closed, the decision will be made by 5:00 a.m.***
- People can obtain information if school is closed in one of the following ways:
 - Local media will be notified by 5:30 a.m. of school closures.
 - A recorded school closure announcement can be heard by calling 452-2000 after 5:30 a.m.
 - An announcement will be posted on the district website <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/>.
 - An announcement will be displayed on the district's cable station GCI Channel 97.
 - In the event school is closed, the school principal or assistant principal will report to school to ensure student safety. All 12-month employees and pre-designated essential personnel will also report to work; all other school personnel should stay home.
 - All school activities and practices are cancelled when school is closed.

Academic Standards

Alaska school districts have been called upon to adopt the state content and performance standards. [Content Standards](#) describe what students should know and be able to do as a result of their public school experience. [Performance Standards](#) indicate how well students at a particular age are expected to

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perform in reading, writing, and mathematics. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has made a formal commitment to the standards. This commitment is reflected in the district's adopted curricula.

Schools Serving Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Arctic Light Elementary



4176 Neely Street
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

Phone: (907) 356-2038
FAX: (907) 356-2189

Distance: Located on Fort
Wainwright, less than 15-minute
walk for most students.

PTA: <http://www4.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/arc/pta/pta.html>

Grades: K-6th

Mascot: Arctic Fox

Uniforms: No

Colors: Red, white & blue

School Hours: 0830 - 1500

Academic Services Available: Special Education/Resource, counselor, reading tutors, English language tutors, speech pathology, behavior intervention, library, special education pre-school, Gifted & Talented program, math support, kindergarten

Activities: student council, band, orchestra, science fair, speech contest

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

Ladd Elementary



601 F Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 451-1700
FAX: (907) 451-9137

Distance: 3 miles from Main Gate,
13 minute walk from most of the
Birchwood Community.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lad/mainpage/pta03.htm>

Grades: K-6th

Mascot: Leopard

Uniforms: Yes

Birchwood Housing

Colors: Black & Gold

School Hours: 0900 - 1530

Academic Services Available: Special Education/Resource, counselor, reading tutors, English language tutors, speech pathology, behavior intervention, library, special education pre-school, GT, math support, kindergarten

Activities: Band, orchestra, choir, after school homework program, Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Annual Community Challenge.

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

Ticasuk Brown Elementary



785 Lakloey Drive
North Pole, AK 99705

Phone: (907) 488-3200

FAX: (907) 488-6208

Distance: This school is about 1 mile from Badger Gate.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tic/support/pta.html>

Grades: K-6th

Mascot: Ptarmigan

Uniforms: No

Colors: Blue & Brown

School Hours: 0900 - 1530

Academic Services Available: Special Education/Resource, counselor, reading tutors, English language tutors, speech pathology, behavior intervention, library, special education pre-school, GT, math support, kindergarten, intensive resource rooms for children with multiple handicaps.

Activities: band, orchestra

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

[Tanana Middle School](#)



600 Trainor Gate Road
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 452-8145
FAX: (907) 456-2780

Distance: This school is about 3 miles from Main Gate, 10-minute walk from most of the Birchwood Community.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tan/pta/pta.html>

Grades: 7-8

Mascot: Eagle

Uniforms: No

Colors: Orange & White

School Hours: 0930-1600

Activities: Art Club; Boy's Basketball; Girls Basketball; Chess Club; Cross-country Running; Cross-country skiing; Drama Club; Geography Bee; Gymnastics; Math Counts; National Junior Honor Society; Rifle Club; Soccer, boys and girls; Speech; Spelling Bee; Student Council; Talent Show; Track and Field; Volleyball, boys and girls; Wrestling; Yearbook Club

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

[Lathrop High School](#)



901 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 456-7794
FAX: (907) 452-6735

Distance: This school is about 1.5 miles from the Main Gate.

Counseling Department: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lth/index.html>

PTSA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lth/clubs/alumni/pta.html>

Grades: 9-12
Mascot: Malemute
Uniform: No

Colors: Purple & Gold
Hours: 0745-1415

Academic Services Available: Interactive Counseling Center; Special Education, Talented and Gifted, Advanced Placement Classes, English as a Second Language/Dialect, SAT/ACT Exams, Career Clusters and Career Paths.

Co- and Extra-curricular Activities: Academic Decathlon; Band; Choir; Debate/Forensics; Downhill Ski Club; Drama; Environmental Club; French Club; Freshman/Sophomore Class; Future Educators of America; German Club; International Club; Japanese Club; Junior/Senior Class; Latin Club; National Art Honor Society; National Honor Society; Native Culture Club; Natural Helpers; Orchestra; Paystreak (Newspaper); Spanish Club; STARS-Students Taking a Right Stand; Student Council; Yearbook; Youth for Christ; Youth for Multicultural Awareness.

Athletics: Athletic Training; Baseball; Basketball; Cheerleading, Basketball, Football, and Hockey; Fencing; Football; Gymnastics; Hockey; Rifle; Soccer; Softball; Swimming/Diving; Track/Field; Volleyball; Wrestling; X-country running; X-country Skiing.

Fall Registration: August 10 – 13, 2004 0800/1430 hours.

Freshman Orientation for parents and students: August 19, 2004 1830/2000 in Hering Auditorium.

Freshman and New Students Orientation: August 20, 2004, 0800/1200 hours.

Lathrop High School Open House: September 1, 2004 1830/2030 hours.

Schools Serving Walden Estates Housing

[Anne Wien Elementary](#)



1501 Hampstead Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 451-7500
FAX: (907) 451-7564

Distance: This school serves Walden Estates, about a 15-minute walk from most in this community.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/awe/pta.html>

Grades: K-6th

Mascot: River Otter

Uniforms: No

Colors: Teal & White

School Hours: 0830-1500

Academic Services Available: Special Education/Resource, counselor, reading tutors, English language tutors, speech pathology, behavior intervention, library, special education pre-school, Gifted & Talented, math support, kindergarten

Activities: band, orchestra, after school homework assistance

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

Randy Smith Middle School



1401 Bainbridge Blvd
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Phone: (907) 458-7600

FAX: (907) 458-7676

Distance: This school serves Walden Estates, about a 15-minute walk from most in this community.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/rsm/ptsa/index.html>

Grades: 7-8

Mascot: Black Bear

Uniforms: No

Distance: 0.25 Mile

Colors: Blue/White/Green/Gold

School Hours: 0930-1600

Activities: Art Club; Boy's Basketball; Girls Basketball; Chess Club; Cross-country Running; Cross-country skiing; Drama Club; Geography Bee; Gymnastics; Math Counts; National Junior Honor Society; Rifle Club; Soccer, boys and girls; Speech; Spelling Bee; Student Council; Talent Show; Track and Field; Volleyball, boys and girls; Wrestling; Yearbook Club

Fall Registration: August 11 and 12, 2004, Normal School Hours

West Valley High School



3800 Geist Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Phone: (907) 479-4221
FAX: (907) 479-8371

Distance: This school serves Walden Estates, about 3 miles away.

PTA: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/wvh/PTSA/ptsa.html>

Grades: 9-12
Mascot: Wolf
Uniforms: No

Colors: Red & Gold
School Hours: 0745-1415

Academic Services Available: Interactive Counseling Center (at Lathrop High School); Special Education, Talented and Gifted, Advanced Placement Classes, English as a Second Language/Dialect, SAT/ACT Exams, Career Clusters and Career Paths, Vocational Education, Language Arts.

Activities: Academic Decathlon; African-American Culture Club; Alaska Native Education Leadership; Art Club; Band; Baseball; Basketball, Boys and Girls; Basketball Cheerleaders; Choir; Cross country running; Cross country skiing; Drama; Football; Football Cheerleaders; Freshman Class; Gymnastics; Hockey; International Club; Junior Class; Key Club; National Honor Society; Orchestra; Rifle; Senior Class; Soccer, boys and girls; Softball; Sophomore Class; Student Council; Swimming and Diving; Track and Field; Volleyball; Wrestling; Yearbook

Fall Registration: Contact the school directly for details, on or about August 11, 2004.



Hutchison Institute of Technology



520 5th Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Phone: (907) 452-2000 x 436

Distance: This school serves the entire school district. This school will open to students for the first time in Fall 2004.

Pictured above, Principal Bill McLeod, Brad Cogan, student team member, and Dan Domke, instructor, with the \$500 gift certificate from Snap-On tools. Hutchison's team of Brad Cogan & Erik Plowman (not pictured) won first place in the Alaska State Finals of the 2003 Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Competition.

Grades: 9-12

Counseling Department Website: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/frontpages/hut/counseling/index.html>

Mission Statement: The James T. Hutchison High School is dedicated to producing students with a broad, solid base of both academic and professional/technical skills, which will prepare them for post secondary education and employment. This school is dedicated to producing graduates who can adapt to our rapidly changing society, can solve problems, be team members, work independently, have employability skills, and be familiar with many kinds of technology. —*Career and Technical Education Advisory Council (Fairbanks North Star Borough School District), Nov. 18, 1998*

Top 10 Characteristics of the James T. Hutchison High School by Bill McLeod, Principal

There is a lot of interest in the “New Hutchison” and I am regularly asked, “What will the school be like?” To answer this question I think the following characteristics exemplify what it will be like:

1. A School of Choice for a student interested in a high quality technical career that will lead to employment, post secondary technical/trade school training, apprenticeships, or college.
2. A school with a strong core academic program supporting the technical programs.
3. Modern and up-to-date career and technical programs validated by national certification standards.
4. A collaborative and team oriented work place.
5. A school that actively works with business, industry, university system (TVC/UAF), and parents to form partnerships that promotes academic and career development.
6. A school that integrates contextual, hands on, practical application of learning concepts across all curricular areas.
7. A School where students apply for entrance and are interested in and motivated by their chosen course work.
8. A school where class size is geared to smaller learning communities.
9. A school that has extra-curricular activities and interscholastic sports.
10. A school that has exceptional Career and Technical Student Organizations designed to develop leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, and specific employment skills for students. (i.e. Skills USA-VICA, FBL, FCCLA, etc.)

Fall Registration: Application process, link to download the application:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/frontpages/hut/HutchisonApplication.pdf>.

Charter School

Chinook Montessori Charter School

Students Enrolled: 156 **Grade Levels:** K-8

Mission: Chinook Montessori Charter School, a school of choice, will strive to create a dynamic educational environment, which fosters educational excellence and cultivates personal, intellectual, and emotional growth and responsibility. We will provide this through an alliance formed through a seamless web of educators, parents, businesses and community members.

Purpose: The philosophy of Chinook Montessori Charter is grounded in the belief that learning is interwoven with life. The community serves as our campus with Chinook Montessori School acting as our headquarters. The school offers a nurturing multi-age environment, which supports a highly rigorous academic program. Integrated teaching encourages students to make connections between ideas and concepts in different content areas. Chinook Montessori School values time. The flexibility of time allows for small group seminars, grand conversations and investigations with teachers and students. Chinook Montessori is a professional development site, which values innovation, teacher research and excellence in teaching.

State Board of Education Approval: April 16, 1996

Date Charter Expires: July 1, 2011

School District

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smcgill@northstar.k12.ak.us

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tla@ptialaska.net

Special Education

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District provides a continuum of services designed to meet the needs of students with disabilities. The majority of students eligible for special education services receive them in their assigned school. Students in need of more intensive services may receive them in a program outside the assigned school.

If your child is school age—your first point of contact will be the neighborhood school serving your address—contact the school directly to begin the registration process. If you are new to the Fairbanks area you may contact the School Liaison Officer for assistance having your IEP or 504 Plan evaluated prior to your arrival. For more information, please contact Eve Lambert, Executive Director of Special Education at 452-2000 x 450; or email to: mlambert@northstar.k12.ak.us.

Key contact numbers:

- School Age: K-12th Grade Special Education Programs**
(907) 452-2000 x 489
- Children Aged 3- to 5-years old: Fairbanks North Star Borough Child Find Office** (907) 452-2000 x 445
- Children under Age 3 years old: Alaska Center for Children and Adults; Project Teach; 1020 Barnette Street; Fairbanks, AK 99701** (907) 456-4003 x 115

Home Schooling

Parents may elect to participate in Home Instruction in a number of ways. All parents using either of the options below must complete and submit Assurance of Consent applications notifying the school system of their intent and listing each child being instructed in this manner.

The Home Instruction Program options are:

- ☑ Parents may provide Home Instruction themselves by instructing their children at home using curricula provided by the Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District. For more information, please contact the Guided Independent Study at 520 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Fairbanks, AK 99701; Telephone: 452-2000, ext. 201. Email the Dean of Students at <mailto:bhall@northstar.k12.ak.us>.
- ☑ [INTERIOR DISTANCE EDUCATION OF ALASKA](#) is an innovative program of correspondence study from the Galena City School District. With more families turning to alternative educational programs, the Galena City School District recognizes the importance of forming a partnership with home educators. IDEA exemplifies that partnership by offering educational support while honoring parental choice in curricular materials and instructional methodology based upon the needs of each individual child. Alaska may be known as the "Last Frontier," but not in education! Those involved with IDEA have truly embarked on new frontiers for learning!

Correspondence and home study have long been a choice for parents, especially in Alaska, and the Galena City School District recognizes the contribution these make as an alternative to other educational options. IDEA was founded in June of 1997 as an attempt to reach those homeschoolers throughout the state who desired a little help with the expenses of educating their children at home, along with input from educational professionals. IDEA's distance education program goes beyond the typical correspondence programs, bringing homeschools and public schools into a cooperative effort to support this growing educational movement. IDEA provides educational, emotional, intellectual, and financial support to those families who would like to work in partnership with a public school district.

For further information or to receive a registration form you may contact:

IDEA Admissions

609 Second Ave.

Fairbanks , Alaska 99701

E-mail: enrollment@ideafamilies.org

Fax: 907-374-2278

Voice: 907- 374-2200



2004-05 School Year

Adopted June 10, 2003
Revised April 6, 2004

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July 2004						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
August 2004						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	P	P	P	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
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AUGUST	16 Teacher Work Day	17-19 Professional Development	20 Teacher Work Day	23 School Starts
SEPTEMBER	6 Labor Day Holiday			
OCTOBER	5-6-7 HSGQE Retakes	14-15 Professional Development (Literacy & Math Conf.)	22 End of Quarter	
NOVEMBER	11-12 Parent-Teacher Conf.	25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday		
DECEMBER	22 End of Semester	23-31 Winter Holiday		
JANUARY	3-7 Winter Holiday	10 Teacher Work Day	17 Professional Development	
FEBRUARY	28 Parent-Teacher Conf.			
MARCH	1 Parent-Teacher Conf.	11 End of Quarter	14-18 Spring Break	
APRIL	4-8 Testing	5-7 HSGQE		
MAY	25 School Ends	26 Teacher Work Day	27 Make up Day, if needed	30 Memorial Day Holiday

- School Start/ End
- End of Semester
- End of Quarter *
- Parent-Teacher Conf. **
- Prof. Development Day**
- Make up Day, if needed
- Teacher Work Day**
- Testing Day
- Vacation**
- Holiday **

*Early Dismissal **No School

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1st Q=47 days 2nd Q=41 days 3rd Q=44 days 4th Q=48 days

Important Phone Numbers

All district school addresses, phone and fax numbers, bell times and principal names can be found at:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/schools.html>.

Emergency Physical Plant: If you observe a problem at the school after hours, you may call these numbers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week: For maintenance: 388-8424. For security: 911 and/or 456-4107.

Garrison Resources Fort Wainwright Community Wellness Team

Family Advocacy

(907) 353-7317

Building 3401

- Special Needs Identification/Assignment
- Developmental Play Groups
- New Parent Support Program
- Nursing Mom's Program
- Conflict Management Group
- Men's and Women's Groups

Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services (ASACS)

The adolescent substance abuse counseling service program provides treatment services to Army adolescent dependents experiencing alcohol and other drug problems. This program also provides educational prevention activities to support a drug free lifestyle. This program is free of charge to all Army dependents authorized to receive care at US military treatment facilities.

You can talk with ASACS Program counselors about problems you and/or your friends might be facing, such as:

- Understanding the effects of alcohol and drug use
- Helping friends addicted to alcohol/drugs/tobacco
- Coping with substance abuse in your family
- Making the transition to a new school

Telephone: (907) 353-1382

FAX: (907) 353-1392

Building 1064

Chapel Programs
(907) 353-9825

Community & Family Activities, Fort Wainwright, Alaska

Child & Youth Services:

- Child & Youth Services Liaison, Education & Outreach Services (907) 353-7713
 - CYS Outreach Services
 - Parent Liaison Services
 - Parent Education
 - Special Needs Resource Team
 - Parent Involvement Opportunities
 - Community Liaison Services
 - Boys & Girls Clubs Affiliation
 - CYS Volunteer Management
 - CYS Liaison Services
 - Child Care Central Registration (Fort Wainwright, Alaska)
 - Before and After School
 - School Age Holiday and Summer Day Camps
 - Child Development Programs on Fort Wainwright
 - Family Child Care on Fort Wainwright
 - CDC Hourly Care and Parents Night Out
 - Middle School/Teen (Youth Services) Registration
 - In/Out Processing
 - Special Events
 - Youth Sports Registration
 - CYS Outreach Care & Supervision Options
 - Baby Sitter Training
 - Mobile CYS Programs (STACC, VCCUS, playgroups)
 - Youth Education Support Services (907) 353-9377
 - School Liaison Services
 - School Transition Support Services
 - Partnerships in Education Initiatives
 - Installation / School Communications
 - Home School Linkages
 - Post Secondary Preparation Opportunities
 - Youth Education Liaison Services
 - Youth Sponsorship Program
 - Linkage with CYS Technology Labs & Homework Centers
 - Home School Support
 - CYS Instructional Programs/ SKIES*Unlimited*
 - School of Academic Skills (e.g., SAT Prep, Transition Workshops)
 - School of Arts (e.g., Music, dance)
 - School of Life Skills (e.g., Driver's Education, Home Alone classes)
 - School of Sports (e.g., Gymnastics, Martial Arts)
- Child Development Center (907) 356-1550
 - Elementary School: Arctic Light Elementary School

- Family Child Care (907) 353-9544
 - Homes available on Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks Area
 - Certification types
 - Infant-Toddler Homes (4 weeks – 2 years); Capacity: 3
 - Multi-Age Homes (6 weeks – 12 years); Capacity: 6
 - School Age Homes (5 – 12 years); Capacity: 8
 - Endorsements:
 - Special Needs Care
 - Night & Extended hours care
 - Long-term care
 - Recruit, train, certify home providers
- School Age Services (907) 353-7394
 - Offers programs servicing children in grades 1 – 6
 - Offers School Age programs servicing Arctic Light, Ladd and Ticasuk Brown Elementary Schools
 - Offers School Age Holiday and Summer Day Camps
- Youth Services (907) 353-KIDS (5437)
 - Member of Boys and Girls Clubs of America
 - Offers programs servicing youth in grades 7 - 12:
 - After School Programs
 - Holiday and Summer Day Camps
 - Youth Sports
 - Keystone and Torch Club
 - Photography Club
 - Technology Club
 - Kids R Music Performing Program
 - Middle School and Teen Activities

Bibliography of Key Websites

Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District Home Page: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/>.

Community & Family Activities Website: <http://mwr.polarnet.com/>

Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District, School Lunch Pre-pay form (Elementary School):
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/business/prepayForm.pdf>

Fairbanks North-Star Borough School District, School Lunch Pre-pay form (Middle/High School):
http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/business/Secondary_Prepay_Form.pdf

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<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/menu/menu.html>

Fairbanks Council of Parent Teacher Associations
<http://www.fairbankspta.org/index.htm>.

Alaska School and Childcare Facility Immunization Manual
<http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/manualaugust.pdf>.

State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development, Content Standards:
<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/contentstandards/home.html>

State of Alaska, Department of Education & Early Development, Performance Standards:
<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/PerformanceStandards/>

Arctic Light Elementary School Home Page: <http://www4.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/arc/arc.html>

Arctic Light Elementary School Parent Teacher Association:
<http://www4.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/arc/pta/pta.html>

Ladd Elementary School Home Page: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lad/index.html>

Ladd Elementary School Parent Teacher Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lad/mainpage/pta03.htm>

Ticasuk Brown Elementary School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tic/tic.html>

Ticasuk Brown Elementary School Parent Teacher Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tic/support/pta.html>

Tanana Middle School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tan/tanana.html>

Tanana Middle School Parent Teacher Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/tan/pta/pta.html>

Lathrop High School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lth/index.html>

Lathrop High School Parent Teacher Student Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/lth/clubs/alumni/pta.html>

Anne Wien Elementary School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/awe/awe.html>

Anne Wien Elementary School Parent Teacher Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/awe/pta.html>

Randy Smith Middle School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/rsm/main.html>

Randy Smith Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/rsm/ptsa/index.html>

West Valley High School: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/wvh/index.html>

West Valley High School Parent Teacher Student Association:
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/wvh/PTSA/ptsa.html>

Hutchison Institute of Technology: <http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/frontpages/hut/index.html>

Interior Distance Education of Alaska: <http://www.ideafamilies.org/>