

# Explore Your Child's Future: School Options in Anchorage & Eagle River, AK



## UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL TYPES



### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tuition-free, funded by the state, part of the Anchorage School District (ASD). Offer standardized curriculum with diverse programs. Open to all students in designated zones (waivers possible for out-of-zone attendance).

**Benefits:** Free Education, Broad Scope of Options, Neighborhood Proximity, Transportation Provided, Diverse Student Body, Special Education Services.

### CHARTER SCHOOLS

Publicly funded but operate independently under a contract with ASD. Focus on innovative teaching methods or specialized curricula, governed by an Academic Policy Committee (APC).

**Benefits:** Free Education, Innovative Teaching Methods, Independently Governed, Focused Learning Environments, Parental Involvement.



### CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

State-funded programs offering flexible learning options, including homeschooling, cohort-based learning, or classes with individual vendors. Provide allotments for educational expenses and support from certified teachers.

**Benefits:** Free with Allotment Support, Individualized Learning, Freedom of Choice, Flexible Scheduling, Support from Certified Teachers

### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Independently funded, often with religious or specialized focus. Charge tuition, offer smaller class sizes, and emphasize unique educational philosophies.

**Benefits:** Values Alignment, Independently Governed, Specialized Focus, Higher Academic Rigor, Smaller Class Sizes, Unique Extracurricular Opportunities.



# WHY SCHOOL CHOICE MATTERS



Every child learns differently. **Find a school** that matches their strengths and interests.



Anchorage and Eagle River **offer 95+** public, charter, private, and correspondence options for personalized learning.



Use **tools** like <https://alaskaschoolchoice.com/>



**Contact** schools directly for enrollment details.

# COSTS TO PARENTS AT A GLANCE

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

State/federal/local taxes  
**Funded by**

**FREE**  
Cost to Parent

## CHARTER SCHOOLS

State/federal/local taxes  
**Funded by**

**FREE**  
Cost to Parent

## CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

State/federal/local taxes  
**Funded by**

**FREE + ALLOTMENT**  
(Support up to \$4500)  
Cost to Parent

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Tuition, donations, private grants;  
limited allotment use for courses.  
**Funded by**

**VARIES**  
(Refer to Private School List)  
Cost to Parent



# SCHOOL LISTS

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST

Anchorage School District (ASD) Public Schools



Anchorage School District  
Educating All Students for Success in Life

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### Airport Heights Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Life Skills, Ignite, Sped

#### Alpenglow Elementary (K-5)

Eagle River  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech

#### Aurora Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Ignite, Sped, Structured Learning Center

#### Baxter Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech, Structured Learning Center

#### Bayshore Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Sped

#### Bear Valley Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped

#### Birchwood ABC Elementary (PK-5)

Eagle River  
Ignite, Life Skills, Sped

#### Bowman Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing, ELL, Ignite, Migrant Ed, Speech, Structured Learning Program

#### Campbell STEM Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech, STEM-focused curriculum

#### Chester Valley Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Hearing Impaired, Sped

#### Chinook Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Open optional program (school-within-a-school learning), Sped, Speech

#### Chugach Optional Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Open optional program (child-centered, experiential learning)

#### Wonder Park Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Preschool, Sped, Speech, STEM

#### Chugiak Elementary (K-5)

Eagle River  
Ignite, Spanish Immersion, Sped, Speech

#### College Gate Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, STEM, Yupik Immersion

#### Creekside Park Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Life Skills, Sped

#### Denali Montessori (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Ignite, Life Skills, Migrant Ed, Montessori, Speech, Sped

#### Dr. Etheldra Davis Fairview Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Sped, Speech, 21st Century After School Program

#### Eagle River Elementary (PK-5)

Eagle River  
ELL, Gifted & Talented, Open Optional, Preschool, Sped, STEM

#### Fire Lake Elementary (K-5)

Eagle River  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech, Structured Learning

#### Gladys Wood (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped

#### Government Hill Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Spanish immersion, Sped, Speech

#### Huffman Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Sped, Speech

#### Inlet View Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Spanish, Sped, Speech

#### Kasuun Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Behavior Support, ELL, Ignite, Sped

#### Tyson Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Preschool, Behavior Support Program, Sped, Speech, 21st Century After School Program



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#### Kincaid Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Life Skills, Migrant Ed, Sped, Speech

#### Klatt Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing, ELL, Ignite, Sped, STEM, Structured Learning Program

#### Lake Hood Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Behavior Support Program, ELL, Sped

#### Lake Otis Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Life Skills, Sped, Sped, 21st Century After School Program

#### Mountain View Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, 21st Century After School Program

#### Muldoon Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, STEM, Structured Learning

#### North Star Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Behavioral Support Programs, ELL, Sped

#### Northern Lights ABC K-8 (K-8)

Anchorage  
Accelerated curriculum, Blue Ribbon School, ELL, Migrant Ed

#### Northwood Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL

#### Nunaka Valley Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Indian Ed, Sped

#### Ocean View Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Migrant Ed, Sped, Speech

#### Orion Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, STEM

#### O'Malley Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
French Immersion, Sped, Speech

#### Ptarmigan Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Behavior Support Program, ELL, Sped, Speech, 21st Century After School Program

#### Rabbit Creek Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Life Skills, ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech

#### Rogers Park Elementary (K-5) A

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Structured Learning Center

#### Russian Jack Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Speech

#### Sand Lake Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Japanese Immersion, Speech

#### Spring Hill Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech

#### Susitna Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Sped, Speech, STEAM

#### Taku Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Migrant Ed

#### Trailside Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Life Skills, Sped, Speech, Structured Learning Program

#### Tudor Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
Montessori Program, Sped, Speech

#### Turnagain Elementary (K-5)

Anchorage  
ELL, Ignite, Russian Immersion, Speech

#### Williwaw Elementary (PK-5)

Anchorage  
Behavior Support Program, ELL, Emotional Learning, Sped, Structured Learning Center, STEM



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### HIGH SCHOOLS

#### **Bartlett High School (9-12)**

Anchorage  
Behavior Support, Integrated Honors,  
JROTC, Medical Academy

#### **Bettye Davis East Anchorage High (9-12)**

Anchorage  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Elitnaurvik Within  
East/Indian Ed, JROTC, PLTW,  
School-within-a-School, Skills USA

#### **Chugiak High School (9-12)**

Eagle River  
Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Indigenous  
Ed, NJROTC, Spanish Immersion, World  
Discovery Seminar

#### **Dimond High School (9-12)**

Anchorage  
Blind/Visually Impaired, Engineering,  
International Baccalaureate (IB),  
Japanese Immersion, JROTC, Structure  
Learning

#### **Eagle River High School (9-12)**

Eagle River  
AFJROTC, Engineering, Gifted & Talented,  
STEM

#### **Service High School (9-12)**

Anchorage  
A.M.P.E.D., AP Capstone, Geometry in  
Construction, Biomedical Career  
Academy, Career Technology, German  
Immersion, Health & Human Services,  
Industry & Innovation, NJROTC, PLTW  
Computer Science, Seminar School

#### **South Anchorage High School (9-12)**

Anchorage  
AFJROTC, AP Seminar, Civic Leadership,

#### **West High School (9-12)**

Anchorage  
AFJROTC, Highly Gifted, International  
Baccalaureate, Medical Academy,  
Russian Immersion, Spanish Immersion

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

#### **Begich Middle School (6-8)**

Anchorage  
Chinese Immersion, ELL, Life Skills,  
Migrant Ed, Sped

#### **Central Middle School of Science (6-8)**

Anchorage  
Sped, Speech, STEM-focused curriculum

#### **Clark Middle School (6-8)**

Anchorage  
Behavior Support, Deaf/Hard of Hearing,  
Gifted, Life Skills, Migrant Ed, Sped,  
Speech, Structured Learning Center

#### **Gruening Middle School (6-8)**

Eagle River  
Life Skills, Sped, STEM

#### **Hanshew Middle School (6-8)**

Anchorage  
ELL, Indian Ed, Life Skills, Migrant Ed,  
Sped, Speech, STEM, Structured Learning  
Support

#### **Mears Middle School (6-8)**

Anchorage  
Japanese Immersion, Life Skills, Migrant  
Ed, STEM, Structured Learning

#### **Mirror Lake Middle School (6-8)**

Eagle River  
Migrant Ed, Spanish Immersion, Sped,  
STEM

#### **Romig Middle School (6-8)**

Eagle River  
Highly Gifted, Russian Immersion, Spanish  
Immersion, Sped, Speech, STEM

#### **Wendler Middle School (6-8)**

Anchorage  
Sped, STEM



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### ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

#### AKChoice Virtual (9-12)

Anchorage  
Online Learning

#### Alaska State School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PK-12)

Anchorage  
Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students

#### Alaska Middle College School (11-12)

Anchorage  
Dual enrollment with University of Alaska  
Anchorage

#### Benny Benson Alternative High (9-12)

Anchorage  
Alternative learning for at-risk students

#### Steller Secondary School (7-12)

Anchorage  
Self-directed learning/Intensives,  
Open Optional program

#### Polaris (K-12)

Anchorage  
Gifted, alternative learners, specialized education

## CHARTER SCHOOLS LIST

#### AK Native Cultural Center (PK-8)

Alaska Native values, native languages

#### STREAM (6-8)

STEM, project-based, outdoor education

#### Aquarian (K-5)

House system, paraprofessional support, project-based learning

#### Eagle Academy (K-5) Spalding,

Saxon Math, leveled, data-driven, Gifted & Talented

#### Frontier (K-12)

Homeschool support, dual enrollment, flexible curriculum

#### Highland Academy (6-12)

Competency-based, tech-integrated, SEL, portfolio-based

#### Rilke Schule (K-8)

 German immersion, arts-sciences, project-based, parent-involved

#### Winterberry (K-8)

Waldorf-inspired, holistic, arts-integrated, creativity-focused





# SCHOOL LISTS

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS LIST



**Anchor Lutheran (PK-12)**  
Anchorage (Lutheran)  
PK \$9,550



**Mountain City Christian Academy (PK-12)**  
Anchorage (Christian)  
PK \$11,750; K \$8,820; 1-5 \$8,820; \$6-12 \$9,740



**Anchorage Junior Academy (PK-8)**  
Eagle River (7th Day Adventist)  
PK \$5,400



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (PK-6)**  
Anchorage (Catholic)  
PK \$9,900; K-6 \$7,500



**Anchorage Montessori (PK-5)**  
Anchorage  
PK \$13,500; 1-5 \$12,750



**St. John's Orthodox Christian (PK-8)**  
Eagle River (Orthodox)  
PK \$7,000; K-8 \$5,900



**Anchorage Waldorf (K-8)**  
Anchorage  
PK \$5,400-\$11,250; 1-8 \$5,400-\$16,225



**Holy Rosary (PK-12)**  
Anchorage (Catholic)  
PK \$9,500; 1-12 \$7,800



**Birchwood Christian (PK-12)**  
Anchorage (Christian)  
PK \$8,000



**King's Christian (PK-8)**  
Wasilla (Christian)  
PK \$6,000; 1-8 \$7,900



**Eagle River Christian (PK-12)**  
Eagle River (Christian)  
PK \$7,100



**Lumen Christi (7-12)**  
Anchorage (Catholic)  
PK \$10,500



**Grace Christian (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Christian)  
PK \$10,075; 1-6 \$11,100; 7-12 \$12,100

## CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS LIST



**Alaska Reach (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Tok)  
K12 \$2,700



**Cyberlynx (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Nenana)  
K-12 \$2,700



**Denali PEAK (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Denali)  
K-8 \$2,700; 9-12 \$3,200



**Iditarod (K-12)**  
Eagle River (Iditarod)  
K12 \$2,700



**Family Partnership (K-12)**  
Anchorage  
K-5 \$4,000; 6-8 \$4,250; 9-12 \$4,500



**Focus (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Valdez)  
K-8 \$2,600; 9-12 \$2,700



**Frontier Charter (K-12)**  
Anchorage/ER  
K-8 \$2,600; 9-12 \$4,300



**IDEA (K-12)**  
Anchorage/ER (Galena)  
K-12 \$2,700



**Matsu Central (K-12)**  
Palmer  
K-8 \$2,600; 9-12 \$3,000



**PACE (K-12)**  
Anchorage (Craig)  
K-2 \$2,200; 3-8 \$2,400; 9-12 \$2,600



**Raven (K-12)**  
Anchorage/ER (Fairbanks)  
K-12 \$2,700



# MAKING YOUR CHOICE: NEXT STEPS

## CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- Identify Your Child's Needs:** Consider learning style, special education requirements, interests, and grade level.
- Compare School Options:** Review public, private, charter, and correspondence schools based on costs, funding, and specialty programs.
- Assess Financial Implications:** Check tuition or allotments and explore financial aid, scholarships, or reimbursement options.
- Visit Schools:** Schedule tours or attend open houses to see facilities.
- Check Enrollment Deadlines:** Note ASD registration, charter lotteries, or private school application deadlines.
- Apply for Waivers or Lotteries:** Submit requests for out-of-zone public school attendance or charter school enrollment if there's a waitlist. ASD lottery (<https://www.asdk12.org/lottery>) closes July 20th.
- Make Your Decision:** Choose the best fit by July 2025 for the upcoming school year starting August 2025.

## RESOURCES

- Alaska School Choice Website: <https://alaskaschoolchoice.com/>
- EdChoice Website: <https://www.edchoice.org/state/alaska/>
- Anchorage School District (ASD): <https://www.asdk12.org/>
- Alaska Department of Education & Early Development: <https://education.alaska.gov/>
- Ultimate Guide to Special Education: <https://myschoolchoice.com/special-education>
- Local School Directories: Check individual school websites



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