

Chalaavialuk Ivanoff

School In 2021

My name is Chalaavialuk Ivanoff and I live in Unalakleet, Alaska. I am a senior attending Unalakleet High School. I am an outdoors person that loves to help other people, whether it's getting fish or wood for winter. I live in a small village with about 850 people where everyone knows everyone. It is off the road system so the only way to go from place to place is by plane, boat or snowmachine. After I graduate I plan to move to Anchorage to attend Land and Sea Aviation to work towards my commercial piloting license. I've been researching aviation schools and Land and Sea is the best fit for me because it's here in Alaska.

My education since the end of March 2020 has been impacted in different ways. Our school closed in-person classes at the end of March 2020. Since our village does not have good internet and every student does not have computers, we were given packets to do on our own. The distance packet education we did were not returned because of the restrictions of social distancing within our village and they were not graded. So, the feedback students usually receive from teachers did not exist; therefore, students did not know how they were doing with their work and education.

In fall 2020, we started attending in person school with the student body split in half attending school for two days for the first week. The fourth week everyone got to go to school everyday. Everyone had to get their temperature checked daily and wear a mask. As a student it was great to get back into the classroom with my friends and in-person teaching. If we had to continue with the packets, I do not think I would of learned as much without the support of my teachers. I have been fortunate to go to school with my peers and teachers without much disruption since September. Even though we still need to wear masks, our education has returned almost back to normal.