



ElitnaurAK

ToTeachAK

LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Anchorage School District

Educating All Students for Success in Life

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What is ElitnaurAK?

- A statewide academy focused on supporting efforts to grow a diverse, local teacher workforce in Alaska
- This academy will assist Alaska's students and families through covered tuition and fees as well as support for students while they work to earn a college education to become an Alaskan teacher

Why is ElitnaurAK needed?

- Reduce teacher attrition
- Return students to their local communities to become educators
- Reduce Alaska's dependence on out-of-state hires

Who is it for?

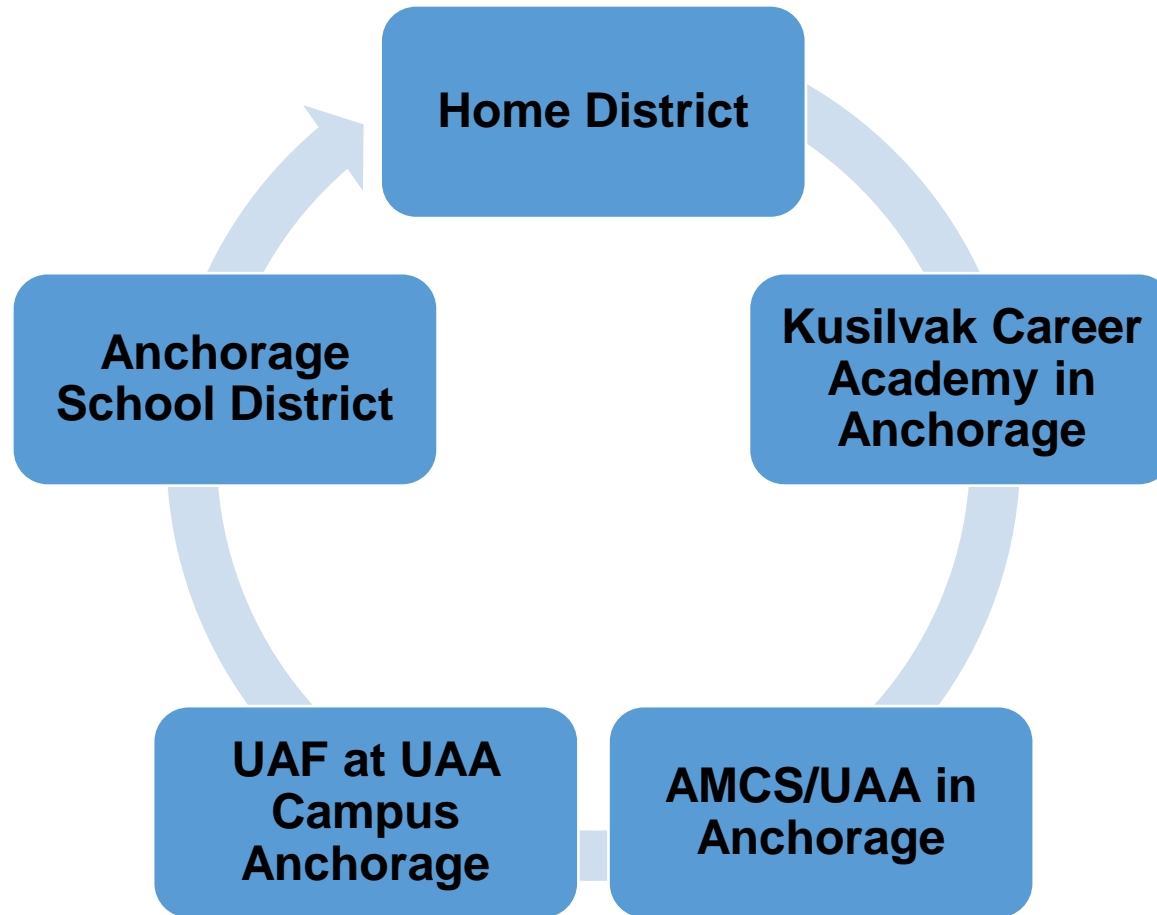
- High school students enrolled in a public school district in Alaska who want to pursue a teaching career
- High school juniors and seniors may begin their college degree through AMCS

Who are the statewide partners?

- Home district
- Lower Yukon School District's Kusilvak Career Academy
- Alaska Middle College School (AMCS)
- UAA/UAF
- Anchorage School District



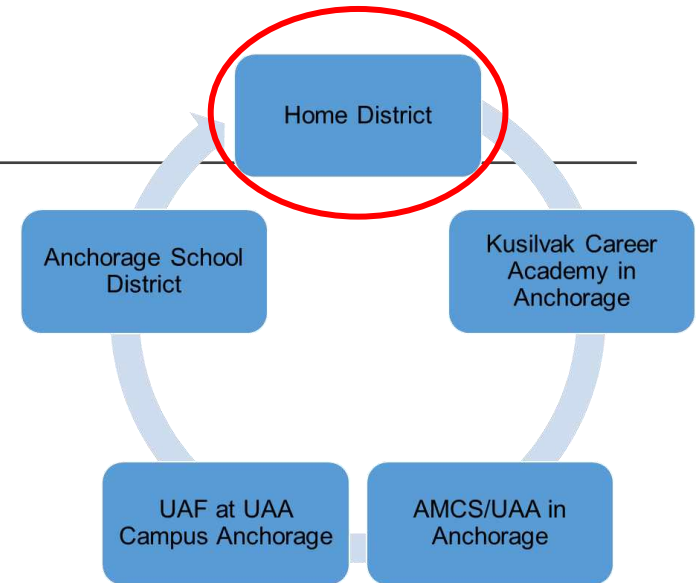
Where does it happen?



How would it work?

Prepare in your home district

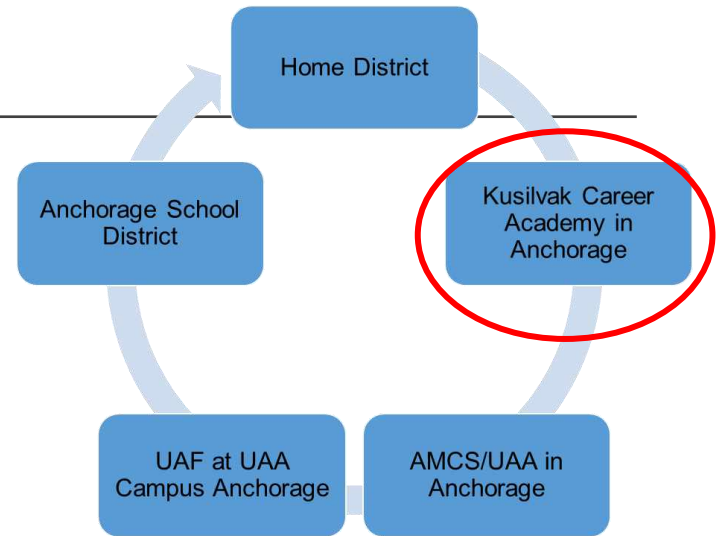
- ‘Why I Teach?’ video opportunities as springboard to interest in teaching
- Dual enrollment college credit pre-education courses
- CTE education pathways
- College preparation course work
- Requirements for AMCS



How would it work?

Move to Anchorage

- Students from all regions may attend AMCS through a partnership with Lower Yukon School District's Kusilvak Career Academy located in Anchorage



Kusilvak Career Academy



Student Life



 **Responsible**
I make sensible decisions and conduct myself with maturity.

 **Respectful**
I am courteous toward my peers and supervisors.

 **Resilient**
I recover quickly from difficult situations.

 **Self-motivated**
I manage my time to meet deadlines, try new experiences.



Program Visitors



Dorm Life



Rec Life



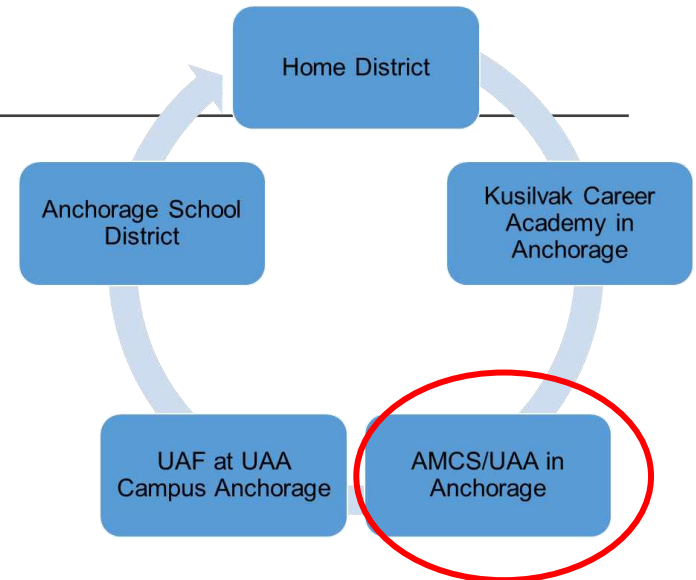
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How would it work?

Attend AMCS/UAA first two years

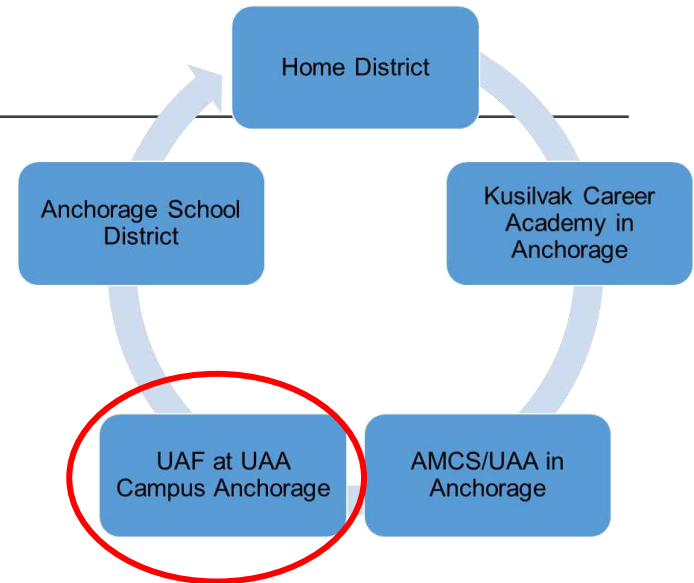
- College-ready students will earn credits through UAA in a two-year program as part of the four-year UAF Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education degree
- AMCS, a school within Anchorage School District, will provide support and guidance to AMCS students
- The power of the place



How would it work?

Attend UAF at UAA for remaining two years

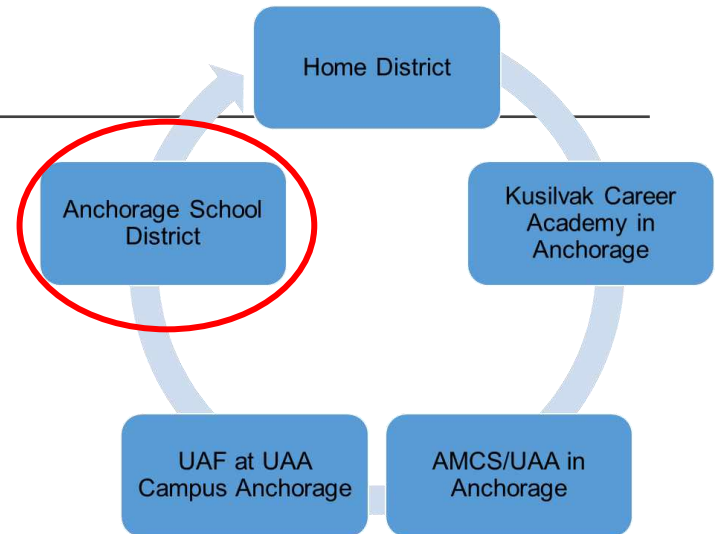
- Remaining on the UAA campus, AMCS graduates will continue to complete required coursework for a UAF Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education degree
- Students may be employed as classroom paraprofessionals, earn a stipend, or receive grant money while completing requirements for UAF BA in elementary education degree
- Tuition costs for the UAF BA in elementary education may be paid through ElitnaurAK



How would it work?

Students may complete their year-long residency/internship in ASD for final year

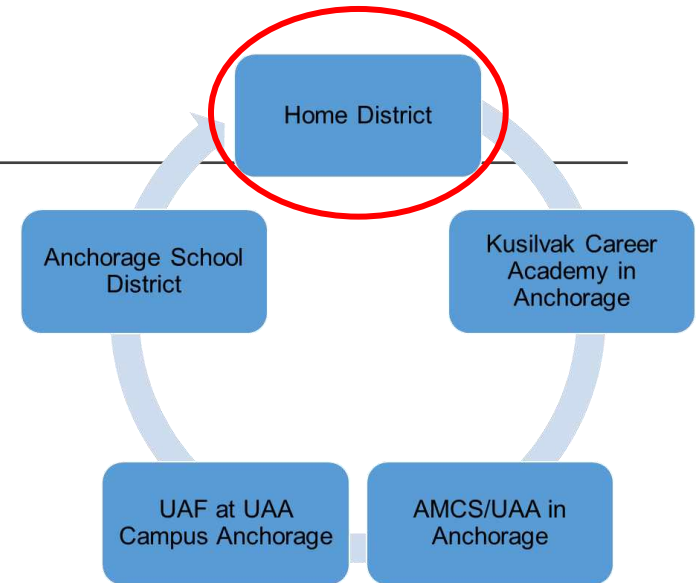
- Students may be hired as full-time ASD co-teachers
- Students will work with a qualified mentor teacher



How would it work?

Return to home district to teach

- Home districts may offer employment to UAF education graduates as a return on investment
- Mentoring support for teachers will continue through a cohort model in the early employment years and may include coaching, ECHO collaboration/support, and specific professional development



How do I participate?



- Next steps for interested districts
 - Contact: Gene Stone at Kusilvak Career Academy – tuition costs will be charged to home districts – residential costs will be paid by the State
- Possibilities
 - Students spend one semester getting acclimated
 - Enroll in early King Tech High School (KTHS) early childhood course
 - For rural Alaskan students, Kusilvak and KTHS may consider accepting sophomores

When will it start?

- Planning stages are underway for the ASD Residency program
 - Working with by Prepared to Teach at Bank Street College
 - Subcommittee work has begun
- Ready to accept first year students beginning next year (2022-23)

Questions

