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TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

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SUBJECT: ATC Report

FY27 ATC/STAR STAFF DIRECTORY

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CONSTRUCTION TRADES

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Marc Tumaneng, Instructor
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NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future



DORMITORY

Dawn Crabb, Dorm Parent STAR
Marlene Centino, Dorm Attendant STAR
Peter Lie, Dorm Attendant STAR
Mary Nauska, Dorm Attendant ATC

Funding Update:

The legislature determines and reauthorizes state grants annually. These grants have been awarded and are currently being finalized with the state.

- a. FY26 ACA Alaska Construction Academy- \$152,626.00
- b. FY26 TVEP Technical Vocational Education Program- \$2,415,400.00
- c. FY26 ABE- Adult Basic Education - \$163,144.71
- d. FY25 Maniilaq GED Partnership- \$45,085.33 (Fiscal Year Federal)

ATC Hosting Events:

The ATC building/dorms hosted several events over the summer. These included ANSEP 5th Grade Science Camp, Alaska Job Center, Maniilaq Soldiers Heart, Language committees, Water/Sewer Summit, Caleb Scholars Program, NWABSD Inservice, Aqqaluk Trust, HAZWOPER, and University Science programs

ATC 2025-2026 Trainings:

During the 2025–2026 school year, the ATC offered 26 training sessions, with a total of 318 trainees successfully completing the courses. Below is the current training calendar for the 2026–2027 school year.

The ATC is also excited to welcome the Kronus battery storage system, which is scheduled to arrive in Kotzebue on the last barge of the season. The addition of this system will allow us to expand our training opportunities and provide hands-on instruction in the maintenance and operation of battery storage systems being installed throughout the region.



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ATC Full-time Programs

Construction Trades
Culinary Arts
Driver's Education permit/license

Begins Aug 17 and Jan 4
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2026-2027 ATC Short Course Schedule

CAT Simulator Certification (Independent Study)	2026-2027	Kotzebue
Hair Cut, Color & Style Class	Sept 28 – Oct 2	Kotzebue
Heavy Equipment Operator	Sept 28 – Oct 9	Kotzebue
Heavy Equipment Operator <i>Practicum, Testing, Certification</i>	Oct 12 - 30	Palmer
Toyo Stove Repair	Oct 5 – 9	Kotzebue
6-Pack Coast Guard License (Not Confirmed)	Oct 12 – 23	Kotzebue
CDL Training	Oct 26 - 30	Kotzebue
CDL <i>Practicum, Testing, Certification</i>	Nov 2 – 20	Palmer
Boiler and Furnace Repair	Nov 9 - 13	Kotzebue
Heavy Equipment Mechanic	Nov 30 - Dec 18	Kotzebue
Heavy Equipment Mechanic (cont'd)	Jan 4 - 22	Palmer
Light Duty Mechanics	Feb 22 – 26	Kotzebue
CDL Training	March 8 – 12	Kotzebue
CDL <i>Practicum, Testing, Certification</i>	March 15 – April	Palmer
Heavy Equipment Operator	April 19 – May 19	Kotzebue
Heavy Equipment <i>Practicum, Testing, Certification</i>	May 3 – 21	Palmer
MS Office 365 (Day and Evening Classes)	April 12 – 16	Kotzebue



The 2026-27 school year is underway, and our students have settled back into dorm life. We are excited to begin the year with 13 students at Star of the Northwest Magnet School, with several more applications being processed. Our current student population includes three students from Noorvik, two from Kobuk, two from Fairbanks, and one student each from Buckland, Noatak, Kiana, and Deering.

We have a wonderful group of students in the dorms this year who bring a great deal of positive energy to the ATC and the community. We are also pleased to welcome back most of our Dorm Attendants, along with our Dorm Parent, providing consistency and support for our students.

This year, a goal is to offer special activity days throughout the week to keep students engaged, active, and connected while living in the dorms. Our current schedule includes:

- **Monday:** Smoothie Making Day
- **Tuesday:** Movement Day / Spa Day
- **Wednesday:** Open Gym at JNES
- **Thursday:** Crafts and Fun with Food
- **Friday:** Movie Night / Karaoke Night
- **Saturday:** Open Gym at JNES

These activities may evolve throughout the year as students share new ideas and interests. We look forward to creating a fun, supportive, and engaging environment for all of our students and are excited for another great year in the dorms.



2026-2027 SCHEDULE



September 15-25, 2026	ORV/IAN RS1
September 29-Oct 8, 2026	WLK RS1
October 13-24, 2026	KVL/WTk RS1
October 21-24, 2026	NWABSD EXPLORATORY READISTAR
November 3-12, 2026	BKC/DRG RS1
December 1-11	ABL/SHG/OBU RS1
RediSTAR Semester 2	RediSTAR Semester 2
January 18-27, 2027	WLK RS2
February 2-11, 2027	ORV/IAN RS2
February 16-25, 2027	WTk/KVL RS2
March 2-11, 2027	BKC RS2
March 30-April 8, 2027	DRG RS2
April 20-29, 2027	ABL/SHG/OBU RS2

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ilisautri Grant
August Update

HIGHLIGHTS

Participants in Education Preparation Programs

- **55 current participants**
 - 5 community members
 - 13 NWABSD staff
 - 37 students this year (EdRising/Dual Credit)
 - 9 communities

Tuition Reimbursement/Stipend

- **12 current recipients**
- 2 graduated and employed by NWABSD
- One graduating in spring
- 2 new students enrolled for fall

Apprenticeships

- **4 current apprentices** - Arctic Resource Community Foundation.
- 2 apprentices received OEC
- **3 new apprentices** - starting in Fall

Class offerings

- Dual Credit through UAF (to be offered fall and spring of FY27)
 - ED-F111
 - WRTG-F111
 - WRTG-F213
- One student from all three classes won UAF-Chukchi high school student of the year.

Educators Rising

- **18 enrolled students**
- Middle School Students (all from Selawik) took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at state - all three are competing at the National Conference
- 10 students and 2 chaperones went to the National Conference on June 18th.



GED Program at ATC

School Year 2026-27

Enrollment in 2025-26

- 55 students enrolled and studied for their GED.
- Students spent over 1000 hours studying.
- Students are located in Kotzebue, Selawik, Noatak, Kivalina, Noorvik, Shungnak, Deering and Buckland.
- 13 students passed one or more GED tests.

Plans for 2026-27

- Reading for the GED class will begin in September.
- Site visits to Deering, Noorvik and Noatak will be planned.
- Loan laptops to students to access classes and studying.



Lillian Hawley passed her reading test and added a star to her name tag.



Isaac Smith of Noorvik asked for a selfie after passing his last GED test.

GED Graduates of 2025-26

Stacy Foster of Buckland
Ava Morris of Kotzebue/Kiana
Minnie Downey of Kotzebue
Cathryn Lane-Gallahorn of Kotzebue
Annmarie Kingeak of Kotzebue
Quentin Davis of Selawik
Zion Foster of Kotzebue
Isaac Smith of Noorvik



Reading Class Successes

Many students who enroll in the GED program must improve their reading skills to prepare for the GED. Last semester we offered a Reading for the GED course dedicated to these students. The class was offered on Zoom three days per week for two hours and students could join at any time in the semester.

- 21 students were invited; 9 regularly attended.
- 2 students progressed from Level 2 to Level 3 reading materials.
- 2 students passed one or more GED tests.

