SOUTHEAST ALASKA
FULL SERVICE
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (SAFSCS) MODEL

Full Service Community Schools (FSCS) go beyond traditional education to create a comprehensive support system for students, families, and the community to improve student success and strengthen community ties. FSCS draw on the region's rich culture and community resources to integrate academics, Tlingit/Haida/Tsimshian cultural knowledge, social services, and family engagement in the school.

Southeast Alaska has 6 FSCS sites (Angoon, Hydaburg, Klukwan, Yakutat and Kaxdigoowu Héen & Sayéik elementary schools in Juneau) that draw on the region's rich culture and community resources to integrate academics, Tlingit/Haida cultural knowledge, social services, and family engagement in the school. Each site is led by an FSCS Coordinator with strong ties to both school and community.

THE FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS APPROACH IS BASED ON 4 INTERCONNECTED APPROACHES:

1 INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS

At a Full-Service Community School, every student and family is known, understood, and supported from the moment they join the school community. Sites use a welcoming early intake process that honors each family's strengths, needs and goals and provides the opportunity to share vital information and allows schools to connect students to a wide range of individual and family supports within the school and wider community. Full service Community schools provide family engagement events or services that bring families and other community members into the school.

2 EXTENDED & ENRICHED LEARNING

Full-Service Community Schools focus on teaching that respects different cultures, provides early education, offers culturally based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) activities, and supports students to develop and reach academic and career goals into and beyond high school through the Bridging to the Future program. Extended and enriched learning focuses on creating school environments where all students can succeed and learn.

3 COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Full-Service Community Schools are committed to building strong, authentic partnerships between families and schools that help all students thrive. Our community and family engagement work focuses on developing the skills, confidence, and shared understanding needed by both educators and families to work together effectively in support of student learning and long-term success using approaches such as family advisory committees, community dialogues and opportunities for community members to share their knowledge with students.

4 COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

FSCS sites are dedicated to working collaboratively with school leaders, families, students, and community partners to strengthen the full range of Full-Service Community School activities. Collaborative leadership emphasizes shared decision-making, and strong coordination across all levels of the school community. There is a focus on providing opportunities for community members to have meaningful input into district decision making through structures such as family advisory councils.

STRONG START KINDER TRANSITION:

Strong Start is the foundation for building relationships between schools and families. Strong Start honors each family's strengths, needs and goals, and connects incoming students to a wide range of individual and family supports within the school and the community. School staff meet one on one with families and then work as a multidisciplinary team to support their needs.

BRIDGING TO THE FUTURE:

Bridging to the Future supports students and families for successful middle/high school transitions, as well as college/career planning. School sites are a hub for community support to help students meet their academic and career goals through activities such as career presentations, college/financial aid application support, and homework assistance.

Through SAFSCS partnerships a range of professional Learning and supports are offered on topics including Family and youth engagement, Trauma-engaged schools, maximizing culture and language programs, and community dialogues.



AASB Offers Professional Learning and Supports for Full Service Community Schools in

Family Engagement, Integrating Local Knowledge, Trauma Engaged Schools, and Integrated Student Supports. For more information email fscs@aasb.org

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