

Connections
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Your Hometown Homeschool

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Purpose Statement

The purpose of Connections Homeschool Program is to



Serve as the voice of homeschool education in KPBSD communities



Provide individualized educational options



Support parents as their children's primary teachers

Connections Homeschool program provides:

- A conduit and accountability of allotment to be used for homeschool education.
- A source for guidance and accountability of academic progress for homeschooled students.
- And so much more...



Opportunities

Music



Athletics



Special Programs



Special Education



Early Literacy



Enrollment Options

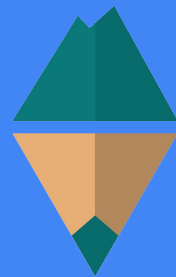


Success After Success





Music Education at



Connections
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352 Students



2024-2025 Enrollment

172 piano

58 guitar/ukulele

37 violin

18 brass/woodwind

5 drums

19 vocalists

36 elementary music

7 music appreciation



Past Music Education

Individual practice

Private Lessons

On Campus Band/Choir

Current Music Education

Christmas Program

Spring Recital





Future Music Education

Individual Practice

Private Lessons

Jam Sessions

Weekly Elementary Music

Beginners Classes

Masterclasses

Recitals

Performing Ensembles



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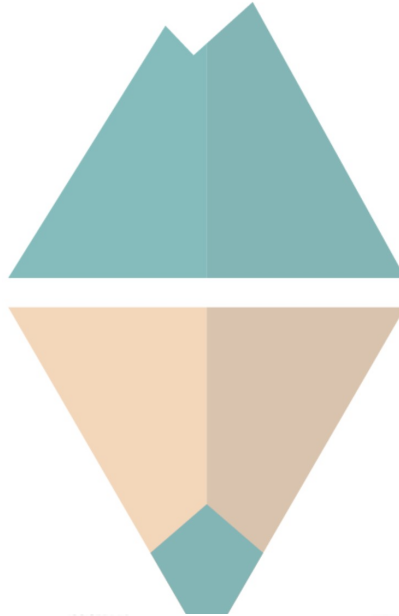
Connections Athletics

- Connections Athletics is KPBSD Athletics
- 55 fall sport student athletes
- 39 winter sport student athletes
- Six different high schools
- 2023/24 - 26 athletes who were State Champions



Connections Athletics

- Eligibility Process
 - Student Athletes
 - Parents
 - Advisors
 - Coaches
 - Athletic Directors





Making Connections in Seward Alaska



Our goal is to provide academic guidance and enriching activities in order to support homeschool families who want to personalize their child's education in order to meet specific learning styles and life styles.

With no alternative school in Seward, Connections also works with the local high school to identify the best path for at-risk students. That may mean personalizing their homeschool experience, sharing resources, or facilitating a smooth transition back to a traditional setting.



Enrichment Activities



- ★ Partnerships with local organizations & experts
- ★ Hands-on science, art and tech activities
- ★ Postsecondary Events
- ★ Field Trips



Flexible Scheduling

- ★ Family Travel
- ★ Personal Pursuits
- ★ Medical Needs

Local School Collaboration



- ★ Support for at-risk students
- ★ In-Person Classroom opportunities
- ★ Shared Activities



- ★ Senior Year-To-Career
- ★ Young Mariner's Program
- ★ Exploratory Classes



AVTEC Opportunities

Welcome to the Southern Peninsula

Engaging Education Starts with Meaningful Connections

Our Vision

To provide homeschool families with enriching, flexible and community-centered educational opportunities tailored to the unique lifestyle and environment of the Southern Kenai Peninsula.

*Small Team,
Big Efforts*



A Unique Approach

Addressing Challenges

- Spread Out Locale
- Lower population: fewer businesses and events close-by

Embracing Possibilities

- A variety of activities in multiple communities on the Southern Peninsula
- Supporting local co-ops
- Events for students and classes for parents

Opportunities for Students & Families

STEAM Projects for interdisciplinary learning



- Ongoing Zoology Course - multi ages
- Animal Science course
- Art class series
- One-time classes centered around holidays or special interests (Thanksgiving STEM, Elementary Paleontology: Dinosaurs, holiday celebrations)

Real-world education opportunities



- Education for homeschool parents: Science of Reading series, What My Child Needs to Know
- Portfolios classes
- Field trip collaboration with surrounding organizations

Outdoor learning opportunities



- Outdoor Adventure Club
- Race Across the Kenai
- Wynn Nature Field Trips
- Wild Math Beach Learning
- Coast Walk
- Tide Pooling
- Birding Club

Building Early Learning Foundations



- Engaging evidence-based activities to meet the goals of the Alaska Reads Act for homeschool students
- Storybook STEAM
- Science of Reading instruction classes for parents
- Small group student reading intervention

Learning that reflects local culture and environment



- Alaska History Course
- Kenai Peninsula History Course
- Alaska Ecology Course
- Peterson Bay Overnight Ecology Trip
- Partnerships with other local organizations like Alaska Maritime, US Fish & Wildlife, Pratt Museum and more

Students with Disabilities – Partnering with Families

- Average 160 students - Special Education & Section 504 Accommodation Plans
- Parent Choice - services in neighborhood school or choose to fully homeschool
- In school - coordinate with building teachers for services
- Complete all annual reviews, re-evaluations, initial evaluations
- Advisors partner with parents & students - choose specialized curriculum according to needs, progress monitor
- Tailor programs to specific post-secondary transition goals
- Student & parent support - check-ins, individualized programs, working, parenting and self-enrolled students



Enrollment

Total Enrollment: 1264!

Dual Enrollment: 13

Part-Time Enrollment: 9

Central Peninsula: 731 students with 8 advisors, average of 102 students per advisor

Homer: 451 students with 4 advisors, average of 110 students per advisor

Seward: 82 students with 1 advisor

PreK siblings = 43

Kindergarten = 56

1st - 6th = 415

7th - 8th = 184

9th - 12th = 550

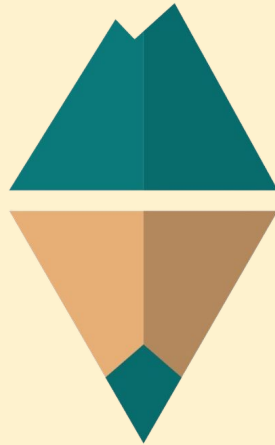
Ready. Set. Connect. Pre-K

Total Enrollment: 16

Central Peninsula = 10

Homer = 6

Since we started Ready. Set. Connect., enrollment has increased year to year.



- Enrollment Process
- Advisor and parents build Individual Learning Plan (ILP), select proper curriculum, go over program
- Forms for auditing purposes



- Opportunity to take classes in their neighborhood school
- Co-Enrollment with local private schools



- Option to homeschool year-round
- Connections Homeschool is state-wide

Ready. Set. Connect. Pre K Program

Program Goals Early Literacy & Math

- Foster Early Literacy Skills
- Promote Early Numeracy Understanding
- Encourage a Love of Learning
- Support Holistic Development
- Engage Families in Learning



Student-Learning Hands On Learning

- Science of Reading aligned activities
- Interactive Learning Community
- Real Life Applications of Skills and Concepts
- Hands on Materials Provided



Parent Workshops Research Based Guidance

- Parent Workshops
- Research based literature for parents
- Guidance along the way
- Resources and Strategies to support at home learning



Peninsula-Wide
Soldotna Homer Seward



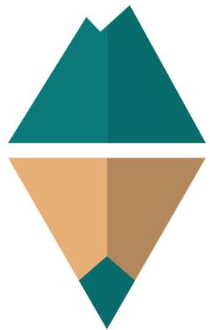
Success Story



Plans and Dreams

- *Improve Graduation Rate*
- *Giving Students Hope and Direction*
- *Meet Social Needs of Families*





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Summary:

Partnerships

- (Career talks, Redoubt, Mt. View, West Homer, Susan B.,
- Chambers of Commerce
- Accreditation
- Imagine if we had a building-
- Notes: not for display

Connections - we are everywhere, we are KPBSD

