

**INTENT TO DEVELOP CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Please complete all the information required on this form. All intent forms for establishing a charter school must be received by August 1 of the year prior to the date of intended implementation. For further details see the following documents:

- A. KPBSD Board Policy and Administrative Regulations on charter schools.
- B. State of Alaska DEED charter school web site and application form.
- C. Charter school guidelines and application procedures.

1. Name of Charter School NIKOLAEVSK CHARTER SCHOOL

2. Contact person for this application:

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3. Academic Policy Committee Membership - Include on a separate page the name of the members of the Academic Policy Committee. For each name specify whether the person is a student, parent, teacher, or employee (other than a teacher).
4. Attach to this intent form a brief description of the mission and goals of the charter school being proposed.
5. Prepare and include a narrative description of the organization, operation, and educational program of the charter school.

**NOTE:** Upon receipt of the intent form the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District administration will arrange for a meeting during which the content of this intent form will be discussed. It is recommended that the discussion meeting is concluded before the person(s) developing the charter school begins to complete the application form.

Return this intent form to:  
Superintendent of Schools  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
148 N. Binkley Street Soldotna,  
AK 99669

## NIKOLAVESK CHARTER SCHOOL

### INTENT TO DEVELOP APPLICATION NARRATIVE JULY 2025

The organizing parents of Nikolaevsk Charter School (NCS) are committed to establishing a fully functioning K-12 charter school that also integrates a homeschool-hybrid model, meeting the educational and developmental needs of our community's children. Our mission is to provide a high-quality education, fostering academic excellence in a community focused, sustainable, small school environment.

#### **Educational Program**

NCS will implement proven, research-based curricula to ensure a well-rounded education for all students. For example, we will adopt Saxon Math, a structured and effective curriculum known for its rigorous approach to mathematics, alongside other high-quality programs in core subjects, including English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. These curricula will align with Alaska State Standards to ensure compliance and prepare students for academic success. Additionally, home-schooling families would have access to certified teachers and advisors, and the option to participate in classes and activities on campus.

#### **Support for Neurodivergent Students**

Recognizing the diverse needs of our community, NCS will offer a comprehensive program tailored for neurodivergent students. This program will include individualized learning plans, specialized instructional strategies, and access to trained staff to support students with autism, ADHD, and other neurodivergent conditions. Our goal is to support every student in our community, both academically and socially.

#### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program**

NCS is dedicated to preparing students for future careers through a dynamic Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Initially, the program will focus on high-demand fields relevant to our community, including:

- **Agriculture:** Hands-on learning in sustainable farming and food production.
- **Welding:** Practical training in welding techniques and safety.
- **Shop:** Foundational skills in woodworking, mechanics, and related trades.

In future years, NCS plans to expand the CTE program to include additional pathways, such as:

- **Aviation:** Training in flight and aircraft maintenance.
- **Fisheries:** Education in marine resource management and aquaculture.
- **Information Technology:** Skills in coding, cybersecurity, and IT systems.
- **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Services:** Certification programs for emergency medical response.

The development and expansion of these programs will be guided with input from parents, students, educators, and local employers to ensure alignment with community needs and workforce demands.

### **Community Engagement**

To gauge interest and connect with families, NCS has distributed a survey to potential students within the community. Additionally, we will promote the school through various channels, including online community hubs, flyers, and banners placed strategically throughout the catchment area. These efforts will ensure broad awareness and engagement as we build support for NCS.

# **Nikolaevsk Charter School: Mission and Goals**

**Vision:** To prepare students for college, careers and a productive civic life.

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide a high-quality education, fostering academic excellence in a community focused, sustainable, small school environment.

## **Goals:**

1. To establish a supportive learning environment to encourage independent thought, curiosity and critical thinking through successful learning experiences.
2. Students will improve their proficiency in math and reading to advance to meet their grade level.
3. Provide access for neurodivergent students with appropriate services tailored to their needs.
4. Foster community engagement through agriculture and career technical education outreach projects.
5. Provide ongoing support to homeschool families through a hybrid learning model.

## **Academic Policy Committee Membership**

### **Nikolaevsk Charter School**

1. Blake Sawyer - President - Parent
2. Olivia Tipikin -Secretary- Parent
3. Sophia Martishev -Treasurer- Parent
4. Mariah Kerrone- Vice President- Parent
5. Lisa Robbins – Parent
6. Natalie Thomas-Parent
7. Juley McConnell - Parent