



College & Career Readiness
Preparing all students for a
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**Kenai Peninsula Borough School
District - Middle College**



Kenai Peninsula College
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

**Program Updates:
Middle College
and
KPBSD
Graduation Rate
Data**



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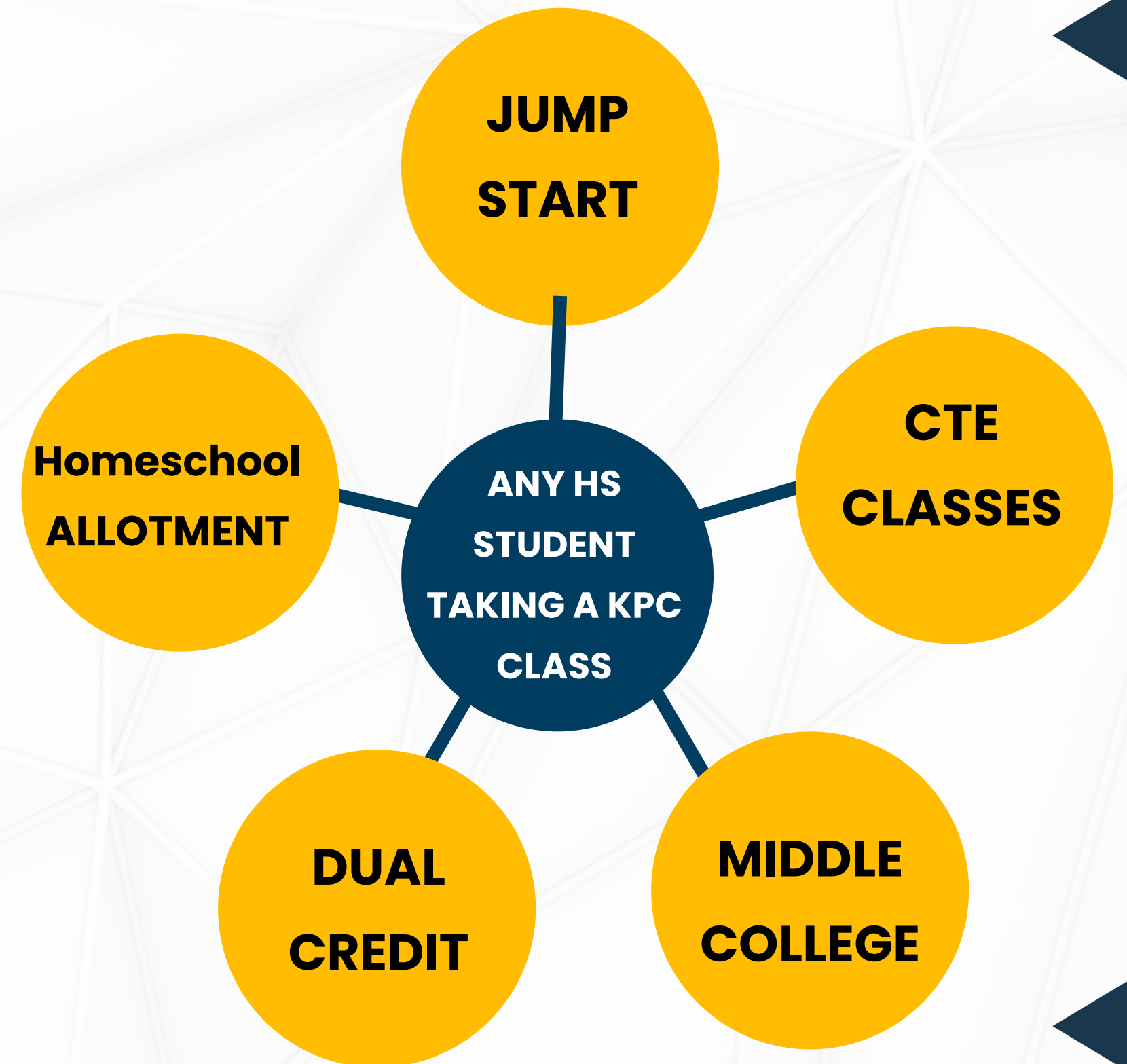
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WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

Dual Enrollment is a catch-all to identify ANY high school student who is taking a college course at KPC.

Students can be from any local school, charter school, private school or homeschool.



WHAT DOES DUAL ENROLLMENT LOOK LIKE?

- 1 full year (HS) = 3.0 credits (college)
Example: Computer Apps 1 & 2 (HS) = 3 credits BADA A105 at KPC
- 3.0 credits (college semester) = 1 full year (HS)
Example: 3 credits MATH A105 at KPC = 1 full year on high school transcript
- Short courses 2-3 college credits (1 week intensive + 2 weeks online work) = 1 full high school credit.
Example: HLTH 120 - AHEC Camp

Note: Students can take college courses and choose NOT to receive high school credit

**Check with your highschool counselor to determine credit & eligibility requirements!

What's the benefit?

- Helps ease transition from HS to College
- Lower tuition burden toward a postsecondary degree
- Classes not offered at high school
- Students wanting more rigorous courses
- Get started on degree requirements early
- Explore career options early
- Increase college persistence and completion rates
- Earn credits more quickly
- Complete college classes with additional support

KPBSD Middle College BASICS



Requirements

- 11th or 12th grade
- Enrolled in a Kenai Peninsula Borough School District brick & mortar school
- 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must placement test into MATH 105 or WRTG 111
- Must meet with a KPBSD Advisor monthly & enroll in the KPMC Advisory class

The KPBSD Middle College program covers **tuition, fees and books** for enrolled students.

- **Up to 7 credits** - First semester
- **Up to 13 Credits** - Subsequent semesters.

Process

- Complete the **Middle College Application**
- Complete all **KPC paperwork**
- **Placement testing** for math or writing
- **Interview** with KPMC Advisor ** Limited spots based on need, geography & future plans
- Once accepted, register & enroll in classes
- KPMC purchases books & aligns HS Schedules with counselors

GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Spring 2025 Middle College Enrollment

- 10 Nikiski
- 25 Kenai
- 50 Soldotna (SOHI & RCA)
- 9 Seward
- 16 Homer
- 1 Cooper Landing
- 2 Ninilchik
- 1 Seldovia
- 2 Hope
- 1 Razdolna



KPBSD Middle College 2025-26



Current Enrollment

- 43 Seniors – Continued enrollment from last Spring
- 115 classes / 328 college credits
= 109 High school credits
- No new student enrollment for Fall 25

• Additional CTE Courses:

- CNA - 4 students
- Welding - 10 students
- PRT - 2 students

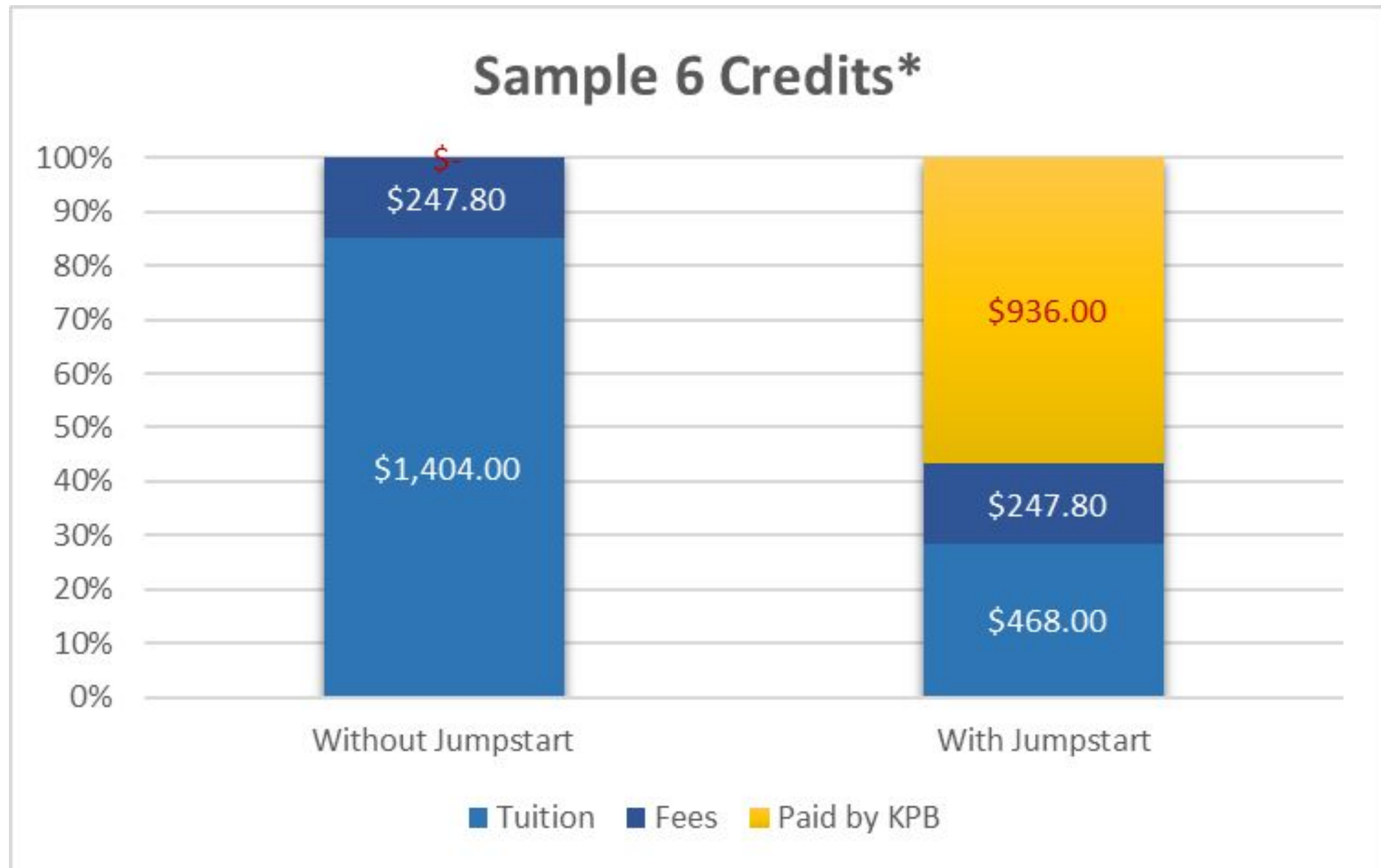
Spring 2025

- **We will be contacting previous applicants in October.**
 - Priority enrollment to waitlisted students, then need/geography based.
- Expecting approximately 40 additional students.
- Creating / posting job description by November.

- **Applications will open for NEW Fall 2026 students March 20**

JUMPSTART BASICS

Jumpstart is a Kenai Peninsula Borough Funded program that provides high school juniors and seniors a tuition discount of \$156 for up to six college credits per semester taken at KPC. Students are still responsible for the remaining tuition (\$78 per credit) and fees.



DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

BA/BS

Bachelor of Science/Art

120+ credits

Communications

Psychology

Biology

AAS

**Associate of
Art/Science/Applied Science**

60-70 credits

General Studies

Paramedicine

Process Technology

UG CERT

**KPC Undergraduate
Certificate**

30-38 credits

Welding Technology

Dena'ina Instruction

Petroleum Tech

OEC

**Occupational
Endorsement Certificate**

16 credits

Ahtna Language

Corrections

Petroleum Production

CERT

**Industry
Certificates**

Certified Nursing Asst.

American Welding Assoc.

Emergency Medical Tech

Who takes KPC Courses?

1

GRAD REQ

College courses to meet your high school grad req.

Upper Level Math
Writing & Communications
Alaska Native Studies
History
Science with Labs

2

EXPLORE

College courses to explore your interests.

Beginning Painting
Music Appreciation
Elementary Japanese
Beginning Fly Fishing
Elementary Dena'ina

3

CAREERS

College courses to start your career.

Emergency Med Tech (EMT)
Process Technology
Welding Technology
Certified Nursing Asst (CNA)

4

GER

College courses to meet your degree GERs (General Education Requirements).

Alaska Native Cultures
Writing & Communication
Quantitative Skills (Math)
Anthropology
Psychology

**Example courses only. See current schedule for more specific course info.

Student Profiles



A

Student A

Taking College courses to meet high school grad req.

This student is currently taking 3 classes at their local high school: **Anatomy, Psychology** and **Student Leadership**.

They are also taking **History 132** (US History) and **MATH 151** (College Algebra for Calculus) and **WELD 101** (Intro to Welding) at KPC

Additionally this student is in the KPBSD Homeless program and identified as economically disadvantaged.

10 Credits + 3 HS classes

B

Student B

College courses to explore your interests.

This student is currently taking 4 classes: **PE, Student Leadership, Chemistry & Advanced Algebra** at their local high school.

They are also enrolled in 3 KPC classes: **ASL** (Sign Language), **PSY 150** (Lifespan Development) & **WRTG 111** (Writing in the Contexts)

They are planning to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner, but thought ASL sounded like a neat skill to learn that might be helpful in the future.

9 credits + 4 HS classes

C

Student C

College courses to start your career.

This student has already met all their high school graduation requirements & is not taking any high school courses.

They completed the KPC **CNA** program and are currently **working 40-60 hours each week** at a local assisted living facility.

This student is enrolled in **BIOL 111** (Anatomy & Physiology), **WRTG 111** and **MATH 151** (College Algebra for Calculus) and plans to continue working in our local healthcare system.

11 Credits

D

Student D

College courses to meet your degree GERs (General Education Requirements).

This student has also met all their high school graduation requirements, but is participating in a school club, so they attend the local high school one period each day.

This student is pursuing the AA on the Way program and plans to graduate high school with their **Associates Degree (60 credits)!**

They are currently enrolled in **ANTH 200** (Alaska Native Cultures), **ART 160** (Art Appreciation), **MATH 253** (Calc 3), **PHYS 124** - College Physics + Lab & **PSY 150** (Lifespan Development)

17 credits

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Graduation Data:

State of Alaska data provided by DEED: <https://education.alaska.gov/data-center>



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Meet the Class of 2024
Senior spotlights



Willow Patrick
KCHS

- **Current Career Interest:** I hope to become a **Marriage and Family therapist.**
- **Current Post-Secondary Plans:** I intend on going to **Colorado Mesa University** where I will finish my bachelor's in **Psychology**
- **Favorite subject in school:** **Astronomy & Film as/and Literature**
- **Hobbies:** gaming, movies and tv shows, crocheting, reading
- **Favorite Quote:**
"I reject your reality and substitute my own."
-Adam Savage

Meet the Class of 2024
Senior spotlights



Zachary Buckbee
SOHI

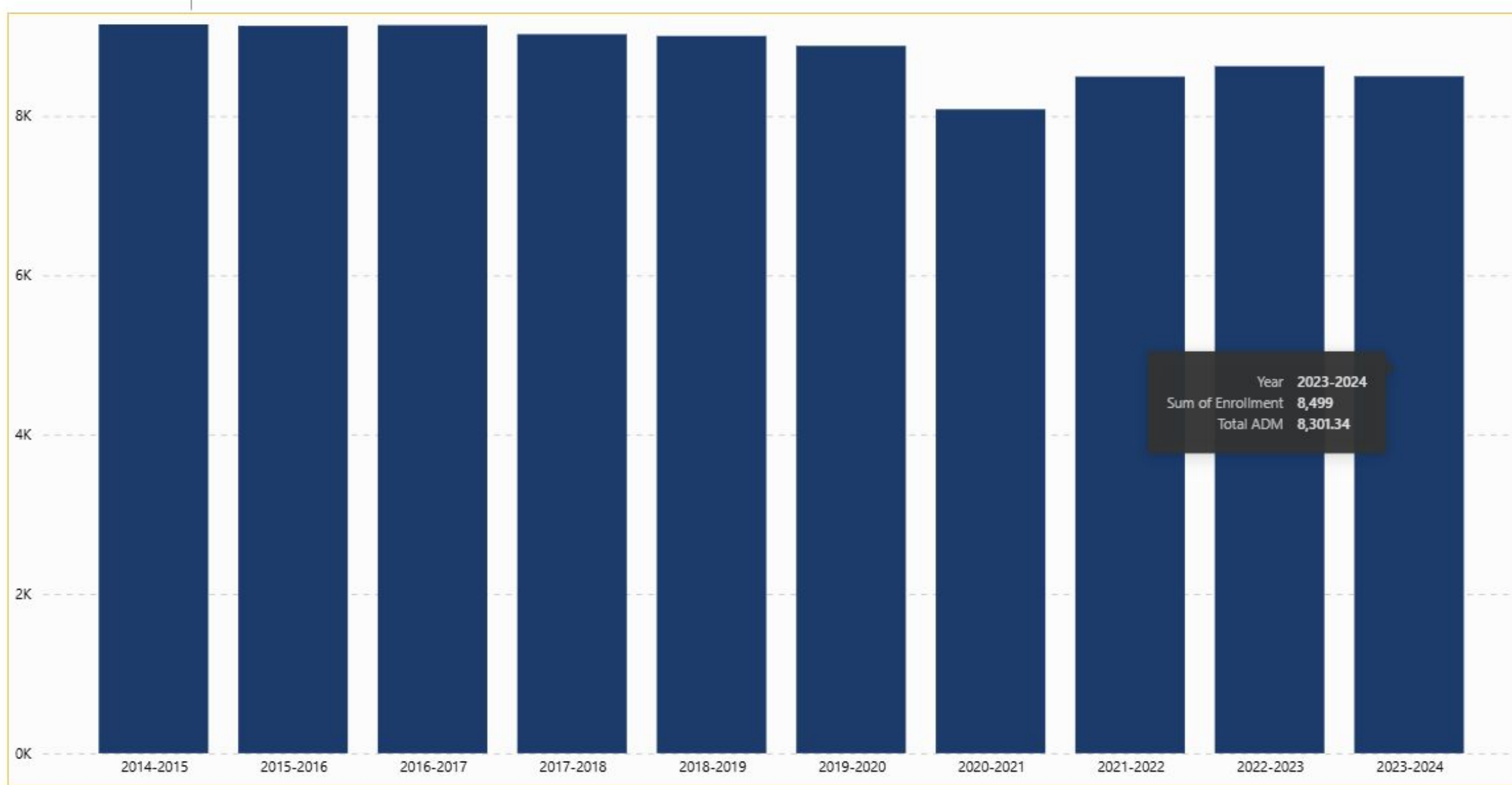
- **Current Career Interest:** **USAFA/ Aerospace Engineering**
- **Current Post-Secondary Plans:** **United States Air Force Academy**
- **Favorite subject in school:** **Math**
- **Hobbies:** **Football, Hiking, Fishing, Hunting**
- **Favorite Quote:** "Actions speak louder than words."



KPBSD Graduation Data: Historical Context 2014-2024:

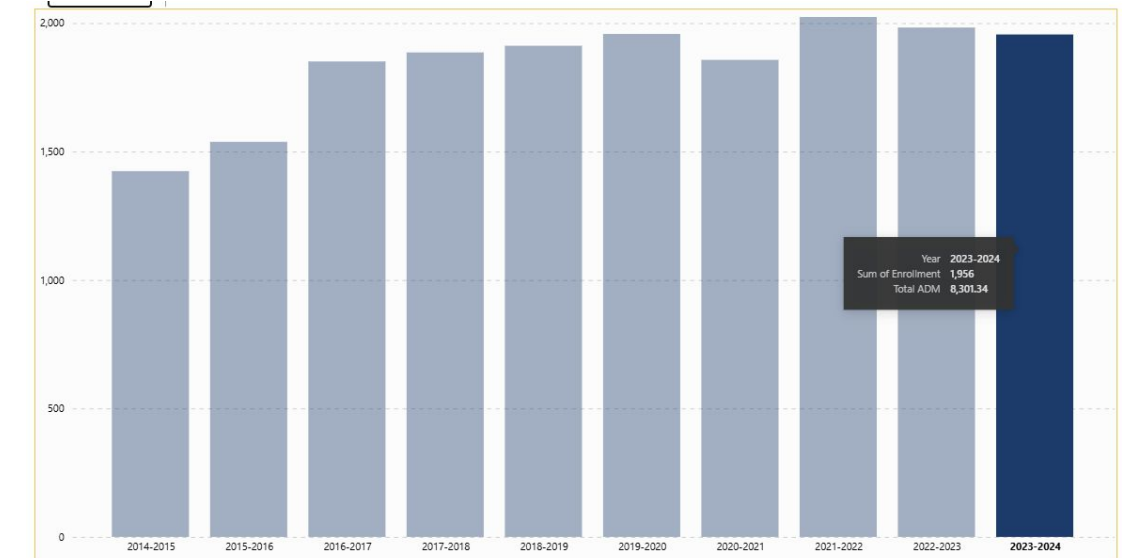
Enrollment: Current 2025 - 8405 students

- 2023-24 = Total: 8499 (8301.34 (ADM))
- 2014-15 - Total: 9150



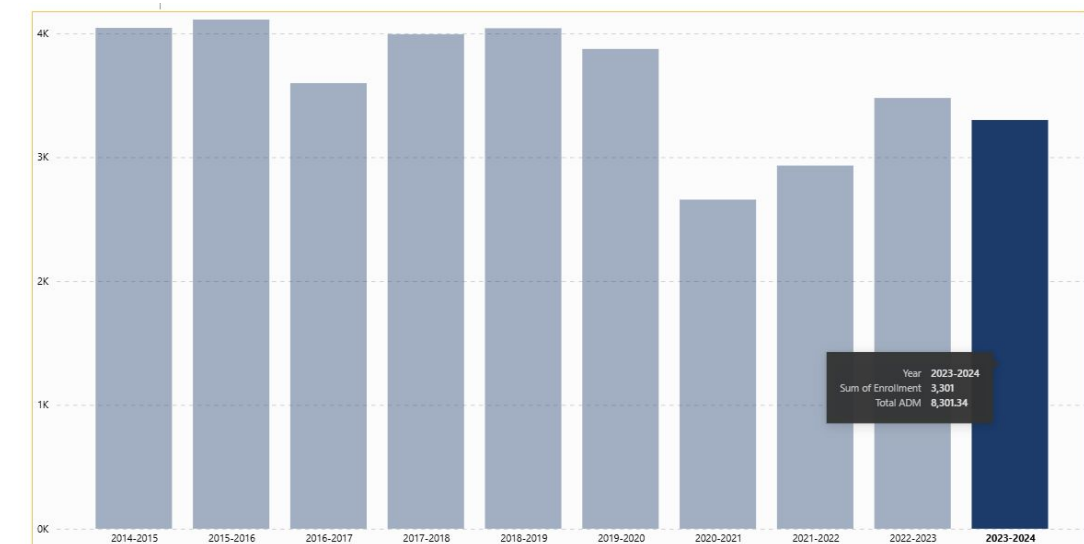
Special Education enrollment:

- **Current 2025 - 1746**
- 2023-24: 1956
- 2014-15: 1424



Economically Disadvantaged enrollment:

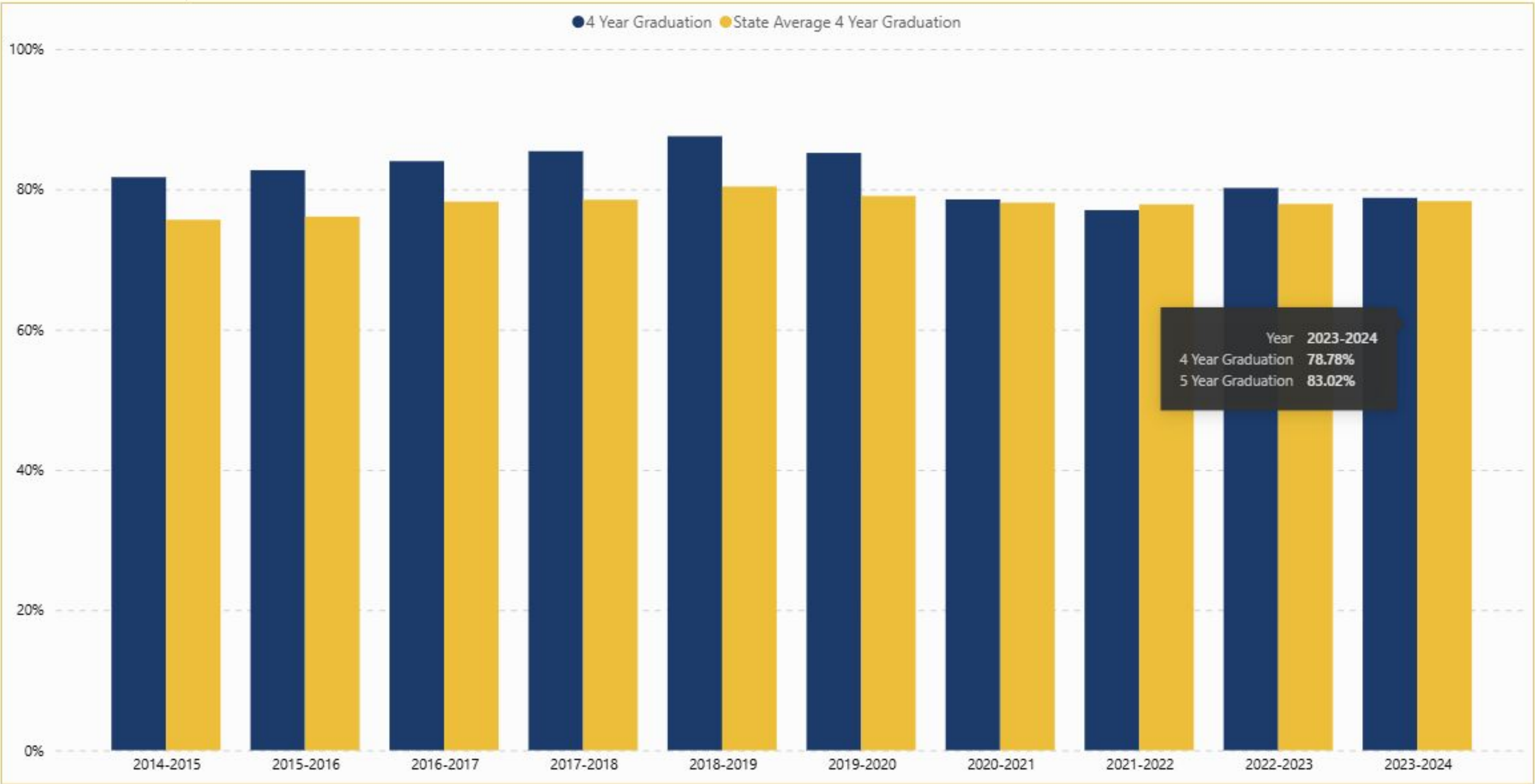
- **Current 2025 - In progress**
- 2023-24: 3301
- 2014-15: 4045



KPBSD Graduation Data:

Historical Context 2014-2024

2023-24 - 4 Year: 78.7% / 5 year: 83%



Year 2023-2024
 4 Year Graduation 78.78%
 5 Year Graduation 83.02%

Special Education Rate:

- 2023-24 - 4 year: 65.69%
- 2023-24 - 5 year: 75.69%
- 2014-15 - 4 year: 65.98

Economic Disadv. Rate:

- 2023-24 - 4 year: 72.5%
- 2023-24 - 5 year: 78.6%
- 2014-15 - 4 year: 70.21%



Where are our graduates going?

1

College - 35%

In-State - Alaska is seeing an increase in state institution enrollment

Out-of State - Many KPBSD college bound students still choose to leave Alaska to pursue education options, sports, etc.

(836 students statewide used the APS scholarship = 22% of eligible students) 1398 students utilized WUE

2

Training - 12%

CTE Training programs - This includes vocational training providers and career Tech Schools like AVTEC or NIT.

69% of 2024 Graduates completed 'part-time' training or classes!

3

Work - 51%

Direct to Work - This includes Registered Apprenticeships, and On-the-Job training options as well as entry level employment.

Many students earn certifications in high school that allow them to begin working immediately

4

Gap Year - 1%

In increasing number of students are taking time to pursue non academics

This includes students who want to travel, participate in mission trips or other organizations and those still trying to figure out next steps.

<https://acpe.alaska.gov/REPORTS>

Ideas for Next Steps

Career Planning

Naviance - Career Planning tool
Career Exploration Curriculum
Career Events & Intro Opportunities
CTE / Career Tech Class Offerings

College Prep

AP Courses
Middle College / Dual Enrollment
SAT / ACT Testing
FAFSA / Scholarship Support

Special Populations Support

Special Education transition planning
Small School camps / opportunities
MVP / RISE Student support
Economically Disadvantaged Funding

CERT

Industry Certifications

Certified Nursing Asst.
TWIC/MMC
OSHA 10 / Confined Space
Emergency Medical Tech



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CTE: Three Key Action Steps

- Step 1:

Improved career curriculum & planning tools (6-12th grade)

- Step 2:

Intro to Pathways - Career Exploration Workshops (6-10th grade)

- Step 3:

Career Job Shadow Experience (11th grade)

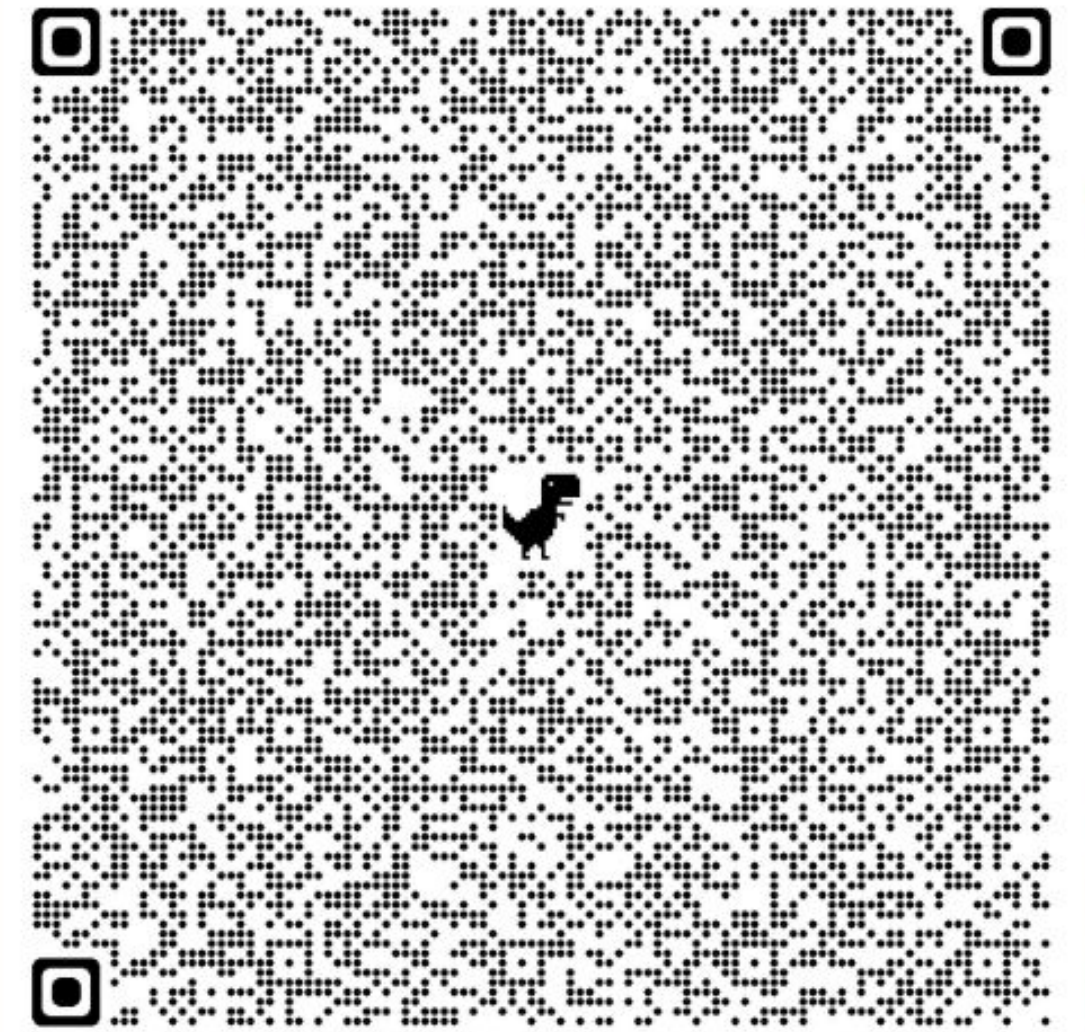


Naviance

**KPBSD Career
Exploration Tool**



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**Career and College planning
tools that helps students
choose a path!**

Next Steps for Employers?!

How can YOU get involved...

Participate in job shadow opportunities!

Be a guest speaker or host a student intern!



Employ high school students

Train them to be good employees! Treat them well, so they stay OR come back!

Offer trainings or certifications for students at low or no cost

Do you require OSHA 10 or CPR/1st Aid? Offer the training for a group of students!



Offer scholarships or tuition reimbursement

Help them continue their education while working.



**KPBSD students can
earn high school
credit for paid or
unpaid internships,
apprenticeships or
work study!**

**Need Skilled Workers?! Host a Career
Exploration opportunity!**
Fill out our interest form!

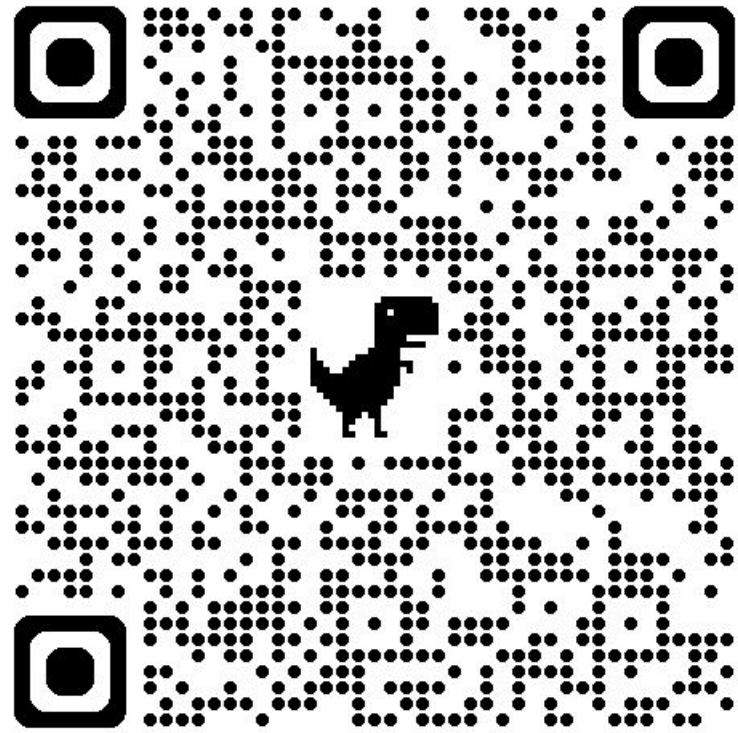


<https://forms.gle/LHRhb21unCeWZpjR8>

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CTE Inspiring Students.
Building Skills.



Questions?



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