

FORT WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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SUMMARY:

Local Schools

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District serves all of Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, and the surrounding area. The schools that students who live on post attend are Arctic Light, Ladd or Hunter Elementary Schools, Tanana Middle School and Lathrop High School. Arctic Light is the only school located on post and it is not a DoDDs school. You must live in the school's attendance area to attend Arctic Light or any other school. Schools sometimes grant out of attendance area requests, if space allows. Other school options include a handful of private schools and home schooling. In general, the average student in the Fairbanks school district outperforms the average student in the state or the nation on academic assessments. Yes, it does get cold in Fairbanks, and students will need to learn to dress in layers and have cold-weather gear. School is rarely cancelled due to temperature or weather, and recess is only cancelled when the temperature reaches 20 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Fairbanks North Star

907-452-2000

www.k12northstar.org

MOA Signatory

S2S Programs

ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities For Military Children Member State

Website: www.eed.state.ak.us. Adequate Yearly Progress Reports: www.eed.state.ak.us/DOE_Rolodex/AYP/2012/search.cfm

School Data: www.eed.state.ak.us/stats (or use www.greatschools.net)

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

At what age can my child start school?

Any child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1 is eligible to attend kindergarten. Children must be 6 years old on or before September 1 to attend first grade. State law requires every child between 7 and 16 years of age to attend school.

What is required for enrollment?

1. Birth Certificate
2. Shot Record
3. Required shots include Hepatitis A & B MMR, and Varicella (Chickenpox).
4. Proof of Parent/Custodian address
5. Custody or guardian papers filed through the court. (if applicable)

How do I enroll for school?

New students enroll at the school they will be attending. When schools are closed for the summer (late May to mid August), students with IEPs should contact the Special Education department by calling (907) 452-2000 x11450 or going to their office at 520 Fifth Ave.

SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS:

- **Public School Choice:** Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- **Private Schools:** Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, Fairhill Christian School, Spruce Tree Montessori and Fairbanks Montessori Schools
- **Home Schools:** A number of Alaska school district-sponsored programs are available, with state funding for curricula and materials. Programs include BEST (www.k12northstar.org/fairbanks-best), Cyberlynx (<http://cyberlynx.org/index.html>), Raven (www.ravenschool.com), IDEA (www.ideafamilies.org), Chugach, and Alaska Virtual Academy—powered by K12 (www.alaskavirtual.org)
- **Charter Schools:** Fairbanks North Star Borough School District operates a number of charter, magnet, and specialized schools. See www.k12northstar.org/about/schools for more information.
- **Pre-K:** Options include Fort Wainwright CYSS Strong Beginnings, full and part-day pre-school, Headstart (must qualify) and private.

REMINDERS:

- **To find out your attendance area and bus stops, enter your address at** <http://www.k12northstar.org/about/map>
- **Out-of-attendance area requests:** If you do not live in the attendance area for a school, such as Arctic Light Elementary, the one school located on post, you will have to submit an out-of-attendance area request, which you can get at the school. Students attending out-of-attendance area must provide their own transportation and there must be space available in the desired school.
- **Make sure that you have your shot records on hand when you enroll.** The school district has a “No shots, no school” policy.
- **Public Pre-K is not provided in Alaska.**

OTHER SCHOOL DATA:

Pre-K: not available in public schools, except for special needs students
Graduation Requirements: 22.5 credits and High School Qualifying Exam

Maximum Absences: 10 consecutive days
Early College: Yes.