

WATERSHED CHARTER SCHOOL

BY THE NUMBERS 2020-2021

An abbreviated annual report to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board

*Demographic information based on October 31, 2020 PowerSchool Enrollment Summary

196

TOTAL
STUDENT
ENROLLMENT

24

NEW STUDENTS
ENROLLED THROUGH
THE LOTTERY

93%

STUDENTS RETURNED
FROM 2019-20
SCHOOL YEAR

240

LOTTERY
APPLICATIONS FOR
2021-2022

Year in Review

Watershed's instructional model for this school year dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic was created using a process that incorporated district guidance, the Alaska Smart Start 2020 and CDC Guidelines, parent testimony, and staff input.

July

- Head teacher provides choices of instructional models that are evaluated by parents and Watershed's APC.

August

- APC approves hybrid learning model.
- School year starts in remote-only with the rest of FNSBSD.

October

- APC votes to remain in remote-only while FNSB is in the red/high risk operational zone.

January

- 30 students, approximately 15% of enrollment, return to school for 3 hours per day as part of Watershed's phase-in program.

February

- CDC published new guidelines for schools.
- Smart Start ensures alignment with new CDC guidelines.
- Watershed offers optional 'Field Trip Fridays' to provide outdoor/social engagement opportunities for students.

March

- Hybrid model begins with cohorts of 1/2 students attending in person 2 days per week. Remote-only remains an option for students.
- CDC updates guidelines, reducing required spacing in classrooms.

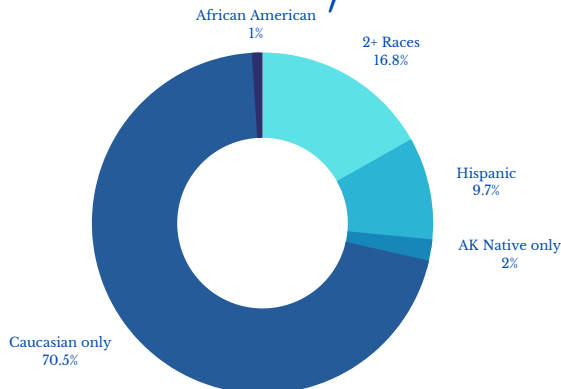
April

- Cohorts are combined so all in-person students may attend 4 days/week. Remote-only remains an option and all students engage in remote instruction on Fridays.

Looking Forward

Watershed Charter School is preparing to return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. We anticipate reaching the low-moderate threshold of community transmission, per CDC guidelines, that would allow for the resumption of in-person learning for the standard 6.5-hour school day/5 days per week for all students. Watershed does not intend to offer remote learning as a school option for the 2021-2022 school year.

Ethnicity



Gender



16

OPEN ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETINGS (JULY - MARCH) AND
PARENT-PRINCIPAL Q&A
SESSIONS HELD