

School Profile

Seward High School
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Seward High School in partnership with the richly diverse communities is to develop creative, productive learners who demonstrate the skills, knowledge and attitudes to meet life's challenges, by providing stimulating, integrated learning opportunities in a safe and supportive environment.

Guiding Principles

- *Each person can learn and be successful*
- *Learning becomes a lifelong process*
- *Each individual is recognized as unique, and valuable and is treated with respect and dignity*
- *Prevention of academic difficulties is preferred to intervention*
- *Education is the accepted responsibility of the entire community*
- *The educational environment is physically and psychologically safe and healthy*
- *Cultural diversity is recognized and respected*
- *High standards and expectations are essential elements*
- *Positive change is embraced*
- *Decisions are student-centered, data driven, and made collaboratively*
- *High quality programs and personnel are developed through district expertise and support*
- *Programs and practices support the mission and vision of the district*

School Facts: Seward High School is a public, 4-year school, grades 9-12, with an approximate enrollment of 180 students (grades 9- 12). 13 faculty /administrative members staff the school. Seward high has been accredited since 1962 through the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, 2014 AdvancEd accredited the high school. The high school operates on a semester 6 period scheduling system with two semesters each school year. A regular student's schedule consists of 6 classes per semester. The school is located at the head of Resurrection Bay, Gulf of Alaska, on the east side of the Kenai Peninsula approximately 127 miles south of Anchorage, Alaska. Kenai Fjords National Park and Chugach National Forest surround the community.

Community: Seward is a small city of approximately 3000. Employment includes the fishing industry and its support services, tourism, transportation, education and government services.

Curriculum: The school offers a comprehensive curriculum including technology preparatory and college preparatory programs. A variety of college courses is available to high school students through the Kenai Peninsula College. The upper level courses of calculus and chemistry are offered bi-yearly basis as well as internet courses.

Grading System: Credits are earned on a semester basis, (.5 credit each semester) with letter grades A (superior), B, C, D, F (failure). Class rank is computed for each class, grades 9-12, and includes all grades for all classes on a cumulative basis with weighting of grades for AP classes only. A- 4.0 points, B- 3.0, C- 2.0, D- 1.0, F- 0.0. Grade point average is computed by dividing the total points by the total number of units attempted. Plus (+) or minus (-) grades do not effect GPA. Average GPA of grades 9-12 is approximately 2.32.

Graduation Credits: Twenty-two (22) credits are required for graduation: 4 English, 3 Math, 3 Social Studies, 3 Science, 1 Physical Education, 1/2 Health, 3 Creative and Practical Arts, and 4 1/2 Electives. Taking a college or career test is required to graduate (SAT,AST or WorkKeys).

College Admission Test Scores: Approximately 40% of the last senior class (Class of 2009) enrolled in 4 year degree producing institutions. Approximately 30% enrolled in a 2 year degree/technical or vocational program. Our local businesses gave a total of \$65,000 in scholarships to our local youth. Post-high school education bound students who took college entrance tests had the following mean scores:

2014	ACT	Composite Mean	21.6	Alaska Composite Mean	21.0
		English	20.9		19.9
		Math	21.3		21.1
		Reading	23.7		21.6
		Science	20.1		20.8