



KETCHIKAN HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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ECONOMY

Ketchikan is economically diverse. Fishing, timber, shipyard, health, education, governmental agencies and tourism comprise our major industries. We are the southernmost major city in Southeast Alaska & are referred to as the "Gateway to Alaska" or "First City". As the 5th largest city in Alaska, we are a major commerce hub for Southeast Alaska and the cruise ship industry.

LIFESTYLE

Island life in Alaska offers a unique background for students. Airways & waterways are the only connection to the rest of Alaska. Annual rainfall of >165" create scenic mountains w/ lush forests. Endless coastlines act as a backdrop to unparalleled outdoor recreational opportunities & water activities. Remote island life offers lessons in resourcefulness--teaching students to overcome challenges different from those of the contiguous U.S. & force students to fly or ferry long distances for activities.

HIGH SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Ketchikan High School (Kayhi) has accreditation with Northwest Association of Accredited Schools for its four-year program. Enrollment is now about 600 students. Students take six 56-minute classes with an option for a 7th class (zero hour). PTR is normally <30 per class for rigorous academic subjects and <20 in vocational skill development areas. Students may opt to take a seven period day to increase the number and variety of classes they can fit in their program and daily schedule.

PROGRAMS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Ketchikan High School has team & individual sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Softball, Soccer, Diving, Swimming, Track & Field, Volleyball & Wrestling. Interscholastic sports & clubs find teams ferrying up to 2 days to reach a tournament--making each competition an adventure. Drill Team, Pep Club & Cheerleading support teams. Music Dept. has opportunities in Concert, Jazz & Pep Band; Wind Ensemble; Jazz & Concert Choir. Yearbook, Journalism, Theatre Club, Class Act (Freshmen Mentor Prog.), Nat'l Honor Soc., Nat'l Art Honor Soc., Nat'l Ocean Sciences Bowl, Legit-Knits, AC/DC, SBA, GSA, Rotary Interact, Debate, German & Japanese Clubs, Educators Rising & others enhance a challenging program.

Students can also backpack, hike, mountaineer or snowboard down local peaks. The archipelago is conducive to kayaking, fishing, boating, diving, & photography. Ketchikan is also known for its fine arts programs, an outstanding ballet program as well as many nationally acclaimed artistic opportunities. The arts community attracts many prominent artists regularly.

CURRICULUM

A comprehensive curriculum includes College Prep, College Classes: Medical Terminology & App. Child Psychology; Career & Tech Ed. (CTE): Welding, Automotive Tech., Building Construction, Computer Repair, Culinary Arts, Video Production; Fine Arts: Band, Choir, Drawing, Sculpture. A range of Native & Special Ed. services also exists.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES & HONORS CLASSES

We offer Advanced Placement (AP) in English (Lit. & Lang./Comp), Science (Biology & Chemistry), Soc. Studies (AP Amer. Gov't., AP Econ and AP World Hist. alternates w/ AP Europe History yearly), Math (AP Calculus and AP Stats). AP enrollment is mainly intended for juniors & seniors. We recommend no more than two AP courses per year; however, other academic challenges & opportunities exist. Partnerships with Univ. of Alaska S.E. (UAS) & AK Pac. Univ. (APU) allow co-registration & dual enrollment opportunities in such advanced classes as: Medical Terminology, Applied Child Psych. & Child Careers. Besides AP, UAS Campus, located just behind KHS, offers students some college opportunities for college credits.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Year=185 days (2 semesters) w/ 22 credits to graduate: 4 - English, 3 - Science, 3 - Math, 2.5 - Social Studies, .5 - Health, .5 - PE, .5 - Alaska Studies, and 8 - Electives . One semester course = .5 credits. (Class of 2020 needing 1.0 CTE Credits)

Student must take an ACT Workkeys Test and perform 100 hours of paid or volunteer work experience as well as prepare a satisfactorily completed State of Alaska Job Application for employment.

GRADING:

Unweighted letter grades are to be awarded in each subject area on a four-point scale as follows:

A (4.0) = 90-100%, B (3.0) = 80-89%, C (2.0) = 70-79%, D (1.0) = 60-69%, F (0) = less than 60%; however, NC are figured into the GPA as a zero, P gives credit, but does not figure into the GPA, NP figures into the GPA as a zero. INC are converted to an F (0) ten school days after the end of the grading period unless replaced by a passing mark.

PREVIOUS SENIOR PLACEMENT STATISTICS

47%=4 year college/university; 12%=comm college; 8%=vo-tech; 4%=milit ; 18%=work; 11%=Travel, Gap, mission or unsure

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