



# **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 625 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, Diving, Football, Swimming, Softball, Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball & Wrestling. Interscholastic sports & clubs find teams ferrying up to 2 days to reach a tournament--making each competition an adventure. Music Dept. has opportunity in Concert, Jazz & Pep Band; Wind Ensemble; Jazz & Concert Choirs. Yearbook, Drill Team, Pep Club, Class Act (Freshmen Mentor Program), SBA, National Honor Society, AC/DC, Rotary Interact, Debate, Cheerleading & other clubs enhance a challenging school 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, Drafting, Photo, Culinary Arts, Video Production; Computer; Fine Arts: Band, Choir, Drawing, Sculpture. A range of Native & Special Ed. services exists.

## **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES & HONORS CLASSES**

We offer Advanced Placement (AP) in English (Lit. & Lang./Comp. in alternate years), Science (Biology & Chemistry), Soc. Studies (AP US alternates years w/ AP Econ (1 sem) & AP World Hist. alternates w/ AP Europe Hist.), Math (AP Calculus & AP Statistics). AP enrollment is mainly limited to 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 Pacific Univ. (APU) allow co-registration & dual enrollment opportunities in such advanced and rigorous classes as: Medical Terminology, Applied Child Psych. & Child Careers. Besides AP, UAS offers Ketchikan H.S. students various college opportunities.

## **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 - Careers, .5 - Alaska Studies, and 7.5 - Electives . One semester course = .5 credits.

Student must take either SAT, ACT or ACT Workkeys 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**

52%=4 year college/university; 18%=comm college; 9%=vo-tech; 5%=other (mil, mission) ; 7%=work; 9%=Travel or unsure

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