

Ayaprun Elitnaurvik- Renewal Application Summary

The Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) approved Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Charter School's (AECS) renewal application on November 15, 2021, for 10 years, through the end of SY 2031-2032. Ayaprun Elitnaurvik first opened in 1999 and last renewed in 2019. Ayaprun Elitnaurvik currently enrolls students in grades K-6th.

Three changes are proposed since last renewal:

- Addition of 7th and 8th grade.
- English Language Development taught through the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) model in all English classes.
- Modification to admission policy.

Program Information:

Ayaprun Elitnaurvik is the only immersion school in Bethel and provides the opportunity for students to learn Yugtun. Yup'ik will be the primary language of instruction in K-2 and 50% of the time in grades 3rd-8th. Language Development will be incorporated in all classes taught in English using the current District English Language Acquisition Model. AECS will strive for extending the 100% Yugtun requirement through grade 3.

Kindergarten admission to AECS is open to any resident who is otherwise eligible to attend LKSD. Grade levels (1-8) admission is contingent on scores based on Yupik proficiency, cultural lifestyle and knowledge, and academic background. AECS sees potential growth on developing a program and delivery of courses instructed in Yup'ik to preschool-age students. AECS shall enroll a minimum of 150 students each academic year- 152 is the current student count as of October 13, 2021. AECS has a staff to student ratio of 1:20 (or less). AECS' 2021 staff list includes 12 instructional staff and 1 principal. Current staff to student ratio is 1 teacher to 12.6 students.

Ayaprun Elitnaurvik is currently (temporarily – due to fire at original location) located in Bethel, AK at the intersection of Chief Eddie Hoffman Hwy and Old Hospital Rd, at the Kipusvik, LLC., building. The current facility includes 50,700 square feet of space. Students residing in Bethel may attend Mikelngut Elitnaurviat (K-2nd), Gladys Jung Elementary(3rd-6th), and Bethel Regional High School (7th-8th). Per the Ayaprun Elitnaurvik preliminary project milestones schedule, AECS' new school building is due to be completed in July 2023 with a tentative open date (Fall 2024). Ayaprun Elitnaurvik has a general operating budget of \$508,460.84.

School Mission:

We, the community of Ayaprun Elitnaurvik, will strive to provide a high-quality Yugtun immersion education: empowering our diverse students by strengthening their knowledge, use, and understanding of Yup'ik core values, language, and culture.

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Goals of Ayaprun Elitnaurvik: To provide the benefits of proficiency in Yup'ik language and understanding of Yup'ik culture.

- To achieve academic growth and mastery of the regular subject area curricula.
- To provide students with communicative competence in speaking, reading, and writing in Yugtun as well as English, appropriate to their level of language development.
- To enable students to have expanded educational and career opportunities.
- To foster in students high levels of motivation, achievement, self-confidence and mutual respect.
 - To help preserve the Yugtun language

FY2022 Development Plan:

- Site Goal 1: The school will perform at proficiency level, at the top 20% of the district.
- Site Goal 2: 70% of students in grades 3-8 meet their growth targets or higher in MAPs.
 - FY2019 % Meeting Growth Target:
 - Reading- 57%
 - Language- 59%
 - Math- 69%
 - FY2020 % Meeting Growth Target:
 - Reading- 55%
 - Language- 46%
 - Math- 42%
 - FY2021 and FY22 % Meeting Growth Target
 - No Data.
- Site Goal 3: Increase the number of students at level 4 on the YPT by at least 10%