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GRADING AND CLASS RANK: The grading system is the standard A equals 4-point system, except for college credits. F's are figured into the GPA; P gives credit but does not figure into the GPA. Class rank is established by listing the student's cumulative GPA, from highest to lowest, and linking it with the number of students in the grade.

GRADING SYSTEM: Grades are based on a four-point system with weighted classes (approved college courses) being awarded five points.

REGULAR

A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0

WEIGHTED

A=5.0 B=4.0 C=3.0 D=2.0

PERCENTAGE

100-90=A 89-80=B 79-70=C 69-60=D

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE CREDIT: A high school student who is awarded a three-credit college class from an accredited University/College and earns a passing grade will receive .5 credit on his/her transcript and will have the course counted with a higher GPA. *The college course must be preapproved by Nenana City School Board designee.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The school year is 180 days and is divided into two semesters. In order to receive a high school diploma, students must pass the reading, writing, and math portions of the HSGQE and earn the following 22 credits: *4 English, 3 math, 1 PE, 3 social studies, 3 science, 1 health, 2 voc ed, 1 technology, and 4 electives.*

COMMUNITY: A community located in interior Alaska, Nenana is off the Parks Highway, 55 miles south of Fairbanks and 300 miles north of Anchorage. It was created in the early 20th century as an Athabaskan village. Currently it is home to approximately 550 residents (both Alaska Natives and non-Natives).

NENANA STUDENT LIVING CENTER: In 2001 the community of Nenana, along with the local school district, committed to a vision. Recognizing a need in the state to offer school alternatives to rural students, while also wanting to offer more offerings for the dwindling number of local students, the decision was made to build a dorm facility. This facility, the Nenana Student Living Center (NSLC), provides board and room (as well as structure and support) for up to 90 high school students who attend the local school.

SCHOOL: Nenana City School is a K-12 school. The high school (with approximately 120 students) is a mix of local students (approximately one-third) and of students from across the state living at the NSLC (approximately two-thirds), providing a culturally diverse atmosphere.

CURRICULUM: The diverse needs of the high school students are met through class offerings ranging from the remedial to the advanced. The comprehensive curriculum includes college preparatory, career/technical and enrichment programs. Science classes offered include physical science, anatomy, wildlife biology, biology, chemistry, and physics. The more advanced math classes offered include Algebra 3 and 4, trigonometry and calculus. Some of the English classes offer dual credit. Vocational Education classes offered include woods, metals, construction, auto shop, and home ec. The music program offers band, drumming and choir opportunities. Remedial classes also offered.

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Nenana City School District will provide all students with the tools and learning environment necessary to commit to achieving success.*

SOME STATISTICS: In the past four years, 107 students have graduated from Nenana City School (45 local and 61 NSLC). Of the local students, 46% have gone on to college; 4% have received vocational training; and 4% joined the military. Of the NSLC students, 29% have gone on to college; 22% have received vocational training; and 6% joined the military. In the past ten years, there have been 13 or more NCSD graduates who have earned degrees in education, social services, law/paralegal services, engineering, or technology. Currently, one NCSD graduate is attending med school and another is in veterinary school. In 2008, two Nenana graduates were recipients of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

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