



MAT-SU CENTRAL

Dynamic Personalized Learning

FAQs for families interested in enrolling at Mat-Su Central, Fall 2021

I want to enroll my child; what should I do?

- Enrollment begins July 1 when ParentVue opens for registration for the upcoming school year.
- Returning students may request an ILP appointment with your advisor following your ParentVue registration.
- New families are encouraged to watch the Mat-Su Central 101 and complete the ILP Scheduler @ matsucentral.org. Once complete, a scheduling secretary will contact you for an ILP appointment.
- All families must enroll their students in ParentVue by September 30, 2021.

I want to enroll my child after September 30; what should I do?

- Speak to your child's current school counselor or principal about options. If you want more information about enrolling at MSC, check out our website at matsucentral.org or give us a call at 352-7450.

When can I get started at Mat-Su Central?

- Advisors begin meeting with families the end of July

What's an ILP?

- ILP stands for Individualized Learning Plan which is the cornerstone of personalized learning.
- The ILP is created during a collaborative conference with parents, students, and advisory teacher.
- Each student at Mat-Su Central has an ILP that is unique to them, focusing on their strengths, weaknesses, and learning style.

What do I need to know about the student allotment?

- The base student allotment is \$2,200.
 - High school students on the Alaska Performance Scholarship path are eligible for an honors allotment: Juniors \$2,500, Seniors \$2,700
- The priority of the allotment is to achieve proficiency in all core areas.
- Students who are proficient in all core areas have greater flexibility in allotment use.
- Year end allotment funds may be 'rolled over' to the following school year. See school for details.
- All allotment expenditures must be approved by your child's advisor and principal.

How can the [allotment](#) be used to support my child's ILP?

- All allotment expenditures must be connected to a class in a student's ILP.
- Some of the common ways families use the allotment to support their child's education is for curriculum, technology, college classes, instructional partners, home internet, etc.

What is an instructional partner?

- Mat-Su Central has vetted close to 300 community business partners who provide instruction and learning opportunities for students including tutoring, equestrian, home ec, welding, gymnastics, music, art, etc.
- Instructional partners must be vetted by Mat-Su Central to be eligible for allotment expenditures.

What is the Parent Portal?

- Grades, work samples, course narratives, and reimbursement requests can be submitted digitally through our Parent Portal via your computer or smartphone.
- Parents may request appointments with their child's advisory teacher.
- Allotment expenditures may be viewed through the Parent Portal.

What kind of curriculum can my child use?

- Mat-Su Central has new and used curriculum onsite in our library and bookstore systems.
- Both online and textbook options are available to meet the individual needs of students.
- See the list of approved [curriculum](#) that includes both secular and non-secular materials.

Can my child play sports at their neighborhood school?

- Yes, with approval from that school.

My child has an IEP or receives special education services, what does this look like at Mat-Su Central School?

- The parent, as the home educator, is responsible for providing all services to support IEP goals.
- Related services, such as occupational and physical therapy will be offered face to face at your local neighborhood school or teletherapy format.
- Mat-Su Central offers direct speech services in either face to face or teletherapy format depending on available services.

Can my child participate in graduation with his/her previous school?

- This is up to the previous school to approve. Usually, a student with six or more semesters at that previous school is allowed to participate in the requested school's graduation ceremony. Appropriate paperwork must be turned in before Christmas break.

Can my child catch up on credits at Mat-Su Central?

- We're not a specific credit recovery program (like Burchell or Valley Pathways). The number of credits earned per year is completely dependent on the student's work ethic.

What will happen to my child's grades at the school they are currently enrolled in?

- Depends on the school – some schools give a WD (Withdraw) or a NC (No Credit).
- Mat Su Central does NOT “pick up” where a student left off in their previous course. For the most part, the student is starting over with their courses.

Can my child take an on-site class?

- On a space available basis
- Students and parents must sign a Campus Commitment agreement focused on employability skills and citizenship.

Can my child keep a class at my previous school?

- Secondary students may retain 1-2 classes (back-to-back) if the previous school approves. CTE courses that a student is enrolled in are also retained.
- For elementary students, this is done by principal approval at the neighborhood school on an informal basis.

Other Options for Secondary Educational Support:

ADvanced Path 864-2600

Burchell High School 864-2600 (on semester system)

Valley Pathways School 761-4650 (on quarter system)

AK Military Youth Academy (907) 375-5554

Nine Star Education & Employment Services 373-7833

iGrad Alaska (<https://www.igradalaska.org/>) 877-260-7555

* PACE for High School students on long-term suspensions, 864-2674