



Girdwood Family Partnership Co-Op High School

The Girdwood Valley- Family Partnership Co-Op High School project has identified the Anchorage School District Family Partnership program as the best fit for the establishment of a new Public Charter High School in Girdwood. The target date for this new school is August, 2008.

The Need: There has been a long term need for a High School option, grades 9-12, in Girdwood.

1. For 25 years, an optional high school opportunity has been a 'community initiative' driven by parents with children commuting to Anchorage by car or bus at 5:30 in the morning on a dangerous highway.
2. A second major reason for this initiative in Girdwood has been the loss to the community of parents serious about their children's safety and educations being forced to leave and move to Anchorage when their eldest child reaches high school age.
3. Third, many parents in Girdwood wish to have the 'freedom to craft a distinctive independent study educational program' for their children, a program that suits their child's special abilities and special needs.
4. Fourth, a traditional school classroom with a professional teacher available is an option which balances the huge time and energy demands on a parent participating in a 'pure' independent study program.
5. Last but important: The Girdwood Valley Family Partnership Co-Op High School option is performance driven, not time driven. It provides the time for students of all types, athletes, musicians, or other special interests, to follow and achieve their individual goals. In Girdwood, of course, serious skiers are the first group thought of in this context.

The Solution:

The Girdwood Valley Family Partnership Co-Op High School offers a unique opportunity for grades nine to twelve:

1. The Girdwood Valley Family Partnership Co-Op High School concept is a Parent Driven independent study program utilizing either hard copy or internet curriculum.

2. This is a public independent study High School supported primarily by State Charter School allocated funds. It is a part of the Anchorage School District charter school program.
3. The Girdwood Valley Family Partnership Co-Op High School program in Girdwood will offer a classroom environment at the Meadows Community Center for registered students.
4. The base curriculum (English, Math, Social Studies, and Science) will utilize the University of Nebraska College Prep Independent Study program designed individually by parents, teacher, and student, to meet the prerequisites for certification and graduation from the Anchorage School District. Other similar programs like the Apex internet program and others are optional choices available on an individual basis.
5. The Girdwood Family Partnership Co-Op High School will have fully qualified teachers on line from both Family Partnership Charter School and the University of Nebraska Independent Study program as well as provide professional monitoring in the class room of each student's progress.
6. The class room will be staffed three days a week with a professional and assisting parent and two days a week as an individual study hall staffed by parents or teachers of optional elective curriculums.
7. Finally, Girdwood Family Partnership Co-Op High School benefits from both the administrative support of the Anchorage School District and the resources available through South High School, University of Alaska, APU, and other specialized programs available within ASD.

This model is not complete. Many things still have to be worked out. But these details need to be worked out with the parents and the participating students. This is a parent driven program.

If you are interested in this program for your child now or in the future, please contact:

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Susan and members of the Task force will be happy to answer questions and will also add your name to the notice list so that you can join us to develop and finalize the details of our new Girdwood Glacier Valley High School.

Welcome Aboard, Phil Livingston, Task Force Chair