



Middle College Programs
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Parent/Guardian- Frequently Asked Questions

What is Middle College and how does it work?

Middle College is a dual-enrollment program that provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take courses on the university campus, alongside university students, at no cost, while still receiving full support from their school district. Alaska Middle College School (AMCS) is considered the “sponsoring” high school for Middle College participants and the primary high school in which a student is enrolled.

How can I best support my Middle College Student?

Stay informed on important [UAA Dates and Deadlines](#) (add/drop period, withdrawal periods, final grades, school closures) and important [ASD Dates and Deadlines](#) (AK Choice enrollment deadline, holidays/breaks, parent/teacher conferences). Please keep in mind that ASD and UAA each have different days off such as ASD in-service days and holidays. Even if your Middle College student has a day off with ASD they are expected to still attend class at UAA.

Stay informed about your Middle College students’ coursework and offer a supportive environment for their academic endeavors. We encourage parents/guardians to familiarize themselves with [UAA Core Tools](#) (BlackBoard, Google Workspace, UAOnline, Microsoft 365, Zoom) alongside their Middle College Students.

What resources are available to Middle College Students?

Middle College students have access to advisory and seminar classes at AMCS. Advisory classes are supplemental learning classes that Middle College students are required to attend if it is their first time enrolling in a college-level MATH, WRTG, or SCI course. Students work with AMCS teachers/peers during advisory classes to navigate coursework. Junior and Senior seminar classes are held to assist Middle College students in the career exploration and college preparation process. Students are encouraged to access university resources, such as the [Learning Commons](#), [eWolf ePortfolio](#), [Multicultural Student Services](#), [Native Student Services](#), [Career Services](#), and [Disability Support Services](#), to enhance their learning experiences at UAA.

What challenges might Middle College students face, and how can we address them?

The adjustment from high school to college can be overwhelming for some students. Middle College students may encounter challenges with time management, academic rigor, social

integration, and college & career guidance.

Encourage your Middle College Student to use planners or digital tools, prioritize tasks, and create a realistic schedule. Support your student by exploring available academic resources (AMCS Advisory Teachers, [UAA Learning Commons](#), [Live Homework Help](#)). Encourage involvement in social events, clubs, or activities specifically for Middle College students. Alaska Middle College School has two student-led clubs (AMCS Speaks & Yearbook) that your students can join! Middle College students can join UAA clubs except Greek Life and or any club that requires travel (debate). Parents/guardians are more than welcome to join academic advising appointments discuss their interests and goals, and explore potential career paths.

Maintaining open communication with your child, staying engaged in their educational journey, and seeking support from the Middle College program coordinators can help address any challenges effectively. Regular check-ins and a supportive home environment contribute significantly to their success in the Middle College program.

How can I communicate with my child's Middle College instructors or coordinators?

Establish communication channels through parent-teacher meetings and stay connected to the AMCS school counselor. It's essential to respect the communication policies of UAA faculty members. Middle College students are encouraged to communicate directly with their UAA instructors, while parents are advised to go through the Middle College Program for program-related matters.

What should I do if my child is struggling academically in their Middle College courses?

Encourage your child to seek help from AMCS/UAA instructors, tutors, or counselors. Stay actively engaged in identifying challenges and collaborate with the Middle College team to address any academic concerns

Are there financial considerations for Middle College, and how can we plan for them?

The Anchorage School District covers tuition, fees, and textbook costs for approved fall and spring semester UAA courses. ASD does not cover personal use items, UAA parking permits, internet, summer courses, and specific electives.

How can I stay informed about Middle College program updates and events?

Regularly check the [Middle College](#) website, subscribe to the AMCS Seawolf Soundbites newsletters, and attend Parent/Guardian check-in sessions. Stay connected to receive updates on program changes, events, and important dates.