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Educating All Students for Success in Life



BACK TO SCHOOL





ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FIRST DAY 2026



Wednesday, August 19

Elementary School

Grades 1–5
8 a.m.

High School

Grade 9
8:45 a.m.

Middle School

Grade 6
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 20*

High School

Grades 10–12
8:45 a.m.

Middle School

Grades 7–8
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Preschool
and
Kindergarten
8 a.m.

*Groups from the Aug. 19 first day cohort also attend on Aug. 20.
Alternative and Charter programs may offer different school start options.

Why ASD Listens?

We want to do better

REBUILD

where we need to

STRENGTHEN

where we need to

KEEP EARNING IT

where trust is strong

Trust is not the same everywhere



ASD LISTENS

New Community Engagement Plan

- **Strengthen relationships** with employees, families, and community partners.
- **Listen** with greater intention to better understand community values and priorities.
- **Communicate more clearly** about district decisions, priorities, and challenges.
- **Use what we learn** to strengthen decision-making and build trust.

How it works

Listen

- Hear what our community is experiencing.

Learn

- Understand what we hear.

Act

- Use what we learn to improve.

Report Back

- Share what we heard and what happens next.

Engagement Opportunities

- **Community Values Survey**

Understand what matters most and where we can improve.

- **Community Conversations**

Create space for deeper discussion and dialogue.

- **ASD Pulse Polls**

Check in regularly on timely issues and experiences.

- **Demystifying ASD**

Make the district's work, decisions, and processes easier to understand.

- **What We Heard**

Share what we heard, what we learned, and what happens next.



Share Your Perspective.

Tell us what matters most, what we need to explain better, and what would help us earn your trust.

Listen. Learn. Act. Report Back.

Take the survey
September 8–29
Takes about 8–10 minutes.



asdk12.org/ASDListensSurvey



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What happens next?

LEARN

- **Look for patterns.**
What are we hearing again and again?
- **Understand different perspectives.**
What are people experiencing, and why?
- **Find where we can improve.**
What are we learning about our work?



How do we build on what we learn?

ACT

- **Go deeper**
Community Conversations
- **Start with what matters now**
FY28 Deficit + Responsible Stewardship
- **Use what we learn**
Inform what comes next



**How do we close
the loop?**

REPORT BACK

- **Share what we heard**
What did our community tell us?
- **Share what we learned**
What did we learn from it?
- **Share what happens next**
What are we doing with it?

Help us reach more of our community

- ✓ Share the survey with your networks.
- ✓ Encourage people to participate.
- ✓ Help us hear from voices we may not reach on our own.
- ✓ Help create more meaningful conversations in your communities.





Our Focus This School Year

- **Student Achievement**
New Academic Strategic Plan
- **Responsible Stewardship**
Invest wisely. Plan ahead.
- **Community Engagement**
ASD Listens: Reflect & Refocus





Questions & Comments

