



MAT-SU CENTRAL

Dynamic Personalized Learning

FAQs for families interested in enrolling at Mat-Su Central, Spring 2025

([Click here for FAQs about the Hybrid Learning Academy](#))

I want to enroll my child. What should I do? **(If enrolling before September 30.)**

- Fill out the Enrollment Form for Mat-Su Central.
- Register your student in ParentVUE.
 - District enrollment begins July 1 when ParentVue opens for registration for the upcoming school year.
- Returning students may request an ILP appointment directly with your advisor following your ParentVue registration.
- New families are encouraged to attend the Mat-Su Central 101 or view it on our website.
- Once enrolled, a scheduling secretary will contact you for an ILP appointment.
- All families must enroll their students in ParentVue by September 30, 2024 in order to receive full allotment.

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. Students are encouraged to wait until quarter/semester to make the switch as they will lose credits or have to redo content.
- If you want more information about enrolling at MCS, [check out our website](#) or give us a call at 861.7100.
- No allotment is available after September 30; advisors will have up to \$500 to designate toward core student curriculum.

When can I get started at Mat-Su Central?

- Advisors begin meeting with families at the end of July. If you are enrolling after September 30, advisor meetings depend on scheduling availability.

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 teachers.
- 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 for students K-8 is \$2,600.
- The base student allotment for students 9-12 is \$3,000.
 - High school students pursuing college credits are encouraged to apply for additional funds as needed.

- 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 are automatically 'rolled over' to the following school year if the student maintains continuous enrollment.
- All allotment expenditures must be approved by your child's advisor.

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.
- Here are some of the common ways families use the allotment to support their child's education: curriculum, technology, college classes, instructional partners, home internet, etc.

What is an instructional partner?

- Mat-Su Central has vetted over 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 curricula on-site 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.
- Physical Therapy and Adaptive PE are offered at the neighborhood school.
- OT and Speech services are offered via teletherapy.
- If you are traveling out of state, related services can not be provided due to licensing restrictions.

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?

- Yes, but we are 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?

- It depends on the school – schools give a WD (Withdraw), a NC (No Credit), or an I (Incomplete).
- 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?

- Yes, provided there is space available. Reach out to the relevant teacher.

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