

Ketchikan Charter School - Renewal Application Summary

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District approved Ketchikan Charter School's renewal application on December 15, 2021, for ten (10) years, through the end of school year 2031-2032. Ketchikan Charter School first opened in 1997 and last renewed in 2012.

Program Information:

Ketchikan Charter School emphasizes teaching basic skills in a self-contained educational environment with a traditional and conventional approach. The academically oriented program is organized, so the entire class generally works as a single group on grade-level material, with ability grouping occurring where necessary. Ketchikan Charter School was created initially by concerned parents, teachers, and community members who believed our children deserve an academically rigorous education. By teaching students academic and life skills through the Core Knowledge Sequence, Envision Math, and Write Tools, KCS provides an essential educational alternative in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District.

In addition to the Core Knowledge Curriculum, Ketchikan Charter School recently adopted new curricula: the new Inspire science curriculum for middle school students, and the new Envision Math curriculum for grades K-8, and a writing program called The Write Tools.

Ketchikan Charter School has grown and continues to represent academic excellence for a wide age range. Ketchikan Charter School has served grades K through 6 since 1997 and expanded its program to include the seventh grade in 2004. In the spring of 2005, the state and local authorities approved Ketchikan Charter School to add the eighth grade. This year Ketchikan Charter School expanded yet again to include a 4-year-old preschool program. One goal for the preschool program is to lessen the number of kindergarten students enrolled in the response to intervention (RTI) program.

Ketchikan Charter School continually makes adjustments to the school programs offered, with the creation of middle school elective classes that enhance the education of students in grades 6 through 8. The middle school program now has many elective opportunities to enroll. Classes include Band, Choir, Robotics, Outdoor Studies, Yearbook, Drama, Psychology, Physical Education, and much more. Ketchikan Charter School has also extended the Robotics team to the 4th and 5th grades. Ketchikan Charter School is one of the only schools in the district that offers band to 5th graders. Ketchikan Charter School has a dynamic Battle of the Books after-school program for grades 3 through 8.

Program Site:

Ketchikan Charter School's program has grown so significantly that it now has rented building space from a previous catholic school to enlarge Ketchikan Charter School into two separate buildings. The rented building houses preschool through 2nd grade (located at 433 Jackson Street), and the main building houses grades 3 through 8 (located at 410 Schoenbar Road, Suite 201).

Ketchikan Charter School plans to continue leasing from the local catholic school in the future. Leasing more rooms would provide more office space as well as an art room and music room.

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Student number thresholds per grade level are as follows:

Pre-K:	15 students
K – 1st:	20 students (per grade)
2nd:	24 students
3rd – 5th:	25 students (per grade)
6th – 8th:	30 students (per grade)

School Mission:

Ketchikan Charter School, in cooperation with families, will foster opportunities for students to attain their highest academic and social potential.

Vision Statement:

Ketchikan Charter School will create an educational environment where students achieve academic and personal excellence.

School Goals:

- Increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of children.
- Raise academic standards for students.
- Incorporate a specific sequential curriculum in core subjects.
- Increase the accountability of students, parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators.