

# Frontier Charter School- Renewal Application Summary

The Anchorage School District approved Frontier Charter School's renewal application on November 1, 2022, for ten (10) years, through the end of school year (SY) 2032-2033. Frontier Charter School first opened in 2003 and last renewed in 2013.

## **Program Information:**

The purpose of Frontier Charter School is to provide greater educational choices and opportunities to homeschooling students and to assist homeschooled families in developing their child's educational program. Frontier is a parent-directed homeschool program in that parents take the primary responsibility for developing an Individual Learning Plan (hereafter ILP) for each of their children. In their pursuit of academic excellence, parents will receive ongoing support by certified advisors who will provide assistance and oversight. With the assistance of public funds, Frontier Charter School will provide students with qualified instructors and community resources including guidance to parents, books and supplies, small group classes, university-level classes, one-on-one tutoring, distance learning courses, online courses with synchronous, real-time interaction between students and advisor, asynchronous online courses for independent study, in person classes offered by local vendors, and access to educational facilities. Frontier students will have access to classes conducted at Anchorage School District Schools and can participate in District sponsored academic competitions.

## **Changes to the Charter include:**

- Revised mission statement. Added a vision and belief statement. Updated the school's academic, community, and technological goals.
- Staffing increased from two to six administrative assistants, and three to seven certified advisors.
- The enrollment maximum was increased from 550 to 1,500 students.
- Added, "by the Frontier curriculum coordinator for alignment to state standards and adherence to nonsectarian/sectarian purchasing guidelines;"
- Added, "Once the technical review of the new curriculum is completed, proposals move to the APC for review and approval."
- Added, "The APC will yearly review, evaluate, and revise the curriculum approval processes to ensure that the highest standards for curricular quality and rigor are met."
- Frontier students can register for a maximum of 3 classes at another ASD school, or up to 50% of total courses enrolled.
- ASD courses will be paid for out of the student's Frontier Charter School student account at the Anchorage School District class charge-back rate.
- Updated the service of special education students to align with ASD practice.
- Updated Frontier Charter School Performance Targets from the Anchorage School District's "2020 Plan" to the new ASD "Strategy XXVI Fueling our Future" goals.
- Added a participation goal for benchmark and State summative assessments.
- Updated how Frontier identifies low-performing students to ensure they receive additional support to meet their needs and reach proficiency. Describes the MTSS meetings, added since that last charter.
- Added Sec. 14.03.016 of the Alaska Statute (2016) that recognizes a parent's right to withdraw a student from testing required by the state. This replaces Section 4.8.2.2 of

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Frontier’s SY 14-23 Charter which stated, “Students will be required to participate in State-mandated assessments annually. Those who do not participate without receiving an exemption from the Chief Administrator will not be allowed to re-enroll in Frontier Charter School.

- Added strategies and a school commitment in section 3.5.5-3.5.5.2 to increase the rate of student participation in benchmark and State assessments.
- Frontier expanded from one administrative center to two.

## Program Site:

The first leased facility is located at 400 W. Northern Lights Blvd. in Anchorage. The second leased facility is located at 16707 Coronado Road, at Eagle River, AK. Frontier is the only ASD correspondence-study program with an office and resource center at Eagle River, Alaska.

## Enrollment Details by Year:

### **SY 2021-2022**

858 Total number of students that enrolled during the year  
*381 Total K-6 enrolled SY*  
*477 Total 7-12 enrolled SY*

### **SY 2020-2021**

916 Total number of students that enrolled during the year  
*441 Total K-6 enrolled SY*  
*475 Total 7-12 enrolled SY*

### **SY 2019-2020**

377 Total number of students that enrolled during the year  
*98 Total K-6 enrolled SY*  
*279 Total 7-12 enrolled SY*

### **SY 2018-2019**

381 Total number of students that enrolled during the year  
*87 Total K-6 enrolled SY*  
*294 Total 7-12 enrolled SY*

## School Mission:

*To equip students by creating an ideal educational community linking families, experts and learners.*

## Vision Statement:

*All students are prepared to navigate their own Frontier.*

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## School Goals:

**Academic-Curriculum Goals:** Frontier Charter School will provide families with the broadest range of curricula options through:

- regular interaction with academic advisors who will counsel families on options geared toward their student's needs based upon expressed needs of parents and students, review of student work and evaluation of standardized test results;
- communication using newsletter and calendar listing school, district, and community sponsored academic opportunities;
- an on-line searchable curriculum database to include curriculum descriptions, curriculum providers, and local vendor options.

## **Community Goals:**

- Develop business partnerships with local vendors to increase supplemental enrichment and educational opportunities on and off campus.
- Frontier students will have the opportunity to participate in classes at other schools and collaborations throughout the community.
- Frontier will provide students with a learning community through elementary, middle, and high school student cohorts, school-based sessions, and educational field trips.
- Frontier will foster community through the organization of academic competitions and other means that may be identified.
- Frontier will fashion school community through the maintenance of social media.

## **Technological Goals:**

- Frontier Charter School will integrate digital resources into teaching, learning, and operations to improve professional practice, student performance, and organizational effectiveness.
- Frontier will develop and maintain a website that can be easily updated by staff. The site will include student learning plan development, budget creation and management, on-line registration and re-enrollment, and a calendar of events.