

An Act Establishing the Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

*Section 1. AS 14.16 is amended by adding a new Article and sections to read:

Article 3

Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School

Sec. 14.16.300. Establishment of the Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School. The Mount Edgecumbe High School shall be operated and managed by the University of Alaska's Alaska Native Science and Education Program (ANSEP).

Sec. 14.16.310. Admission Requirements.

(a) ANSEP shall continue the admission requirements set forth in 4 AAC 33.080, with the added requirement that applicants be residents of the state of Alaska prior to their application date.

(b) Nothing in that regulation shall preclude ANSEP from (1) establishing new academic admission requirements such as the completion of Algebra I prior to admission.

Sec. 14.16.320. Operation of Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School. In the management and operation of the school, ANSEP shall

(1) adopt a philosophy of grades nine through 12 education for the school that (A) establishes Mount Edgecumbe as an Acceleration High School designed to graduate students in three years; (B) prepares students to enter Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree programs; and (C) requires students to complete at the school up to 46 university BS Degree requirement credits.

(2) approve the employment of personnel necessary to operate the school. Such employees shall be employees of the University of Alaska.

(3) authorize the contracting of educational, custodial, food service, maintenance, or other services as deemed appropriate.

(4) establish procedures for the development and implementation of curriculum and the selection of instructional materials and methods.

(5) perform such other powers and duties as set forth in AS 14.40.040, including those necessary for the operation and management of the school.

Sec. 14.16.330. Applicability of educational laws. The educational laws and regulations apply to ANSEP's operation and management of the school, except for the requirement for teacher certification pursuant to AS 14.10.010-14.20.040,

(1) unless ANSEP deems it necessary to maintain the requirement for teacher certification during the transition period from Department operation and control to ANSEP operation and control.

(2) during any period of time when ANSEP deems it necessary to maintain the requirement for teacher certification pursuant to (1) above, a teacher tenured pursuant to AS 14.20.150 shall remain in that status.

Sec. 14.16.340. Instructional Funding for Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School. Operational funding for the school shall be determined and provided in accordance with AS 14.17.440. ANSEP shall annually request the appropriation of general funds to fully support the residential component of the school and to fully support the maintenance component of the school. All such funding shall be for use by ANSEP for the operation and management of the school.

Sec. 14.16.350. AS 14.16.060 shall not apply to employees of the Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School.

Sec. 14.16.360. During its operation and management of the Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School, ANSEP shall maintain an advisory school board and prescribe its manner of selection, organization, powers, and duties.

*Section 2. AS 14.12.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(4) the Alaska Native Science and Education Program (ANSEP), during its operation and management of the Mount Edgecumbe ANSEP Acceleration High School pursuant to AS 14.16.300.

*Section 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.