

Upriver Schools Board Report
Steven Porter – Principal
5 September, 2016

K-12 Attendance (As of 5 September, 2016)

CVSS: **16** JJSS: **18** JESS: **12** GMS: **17**

- A. This is the year of transition. With the solid intent of building student success, the upriver schools will be focusing on the following:
1. Adoption of the Carnegie grading system. Upriver schools have implemented a weighted grading system: 4 categories each weighted 25% for now. The categories are unit or major tests, quizzes/ projects, classwork and homework. We will review the weights after each semester to determine if our academic goals are being properly met.
 2. Daily “bell” schedules modified to allow for completion of Carnegie credits. A Carnegie credit is based on 120 hours of seat time. Allowing for missed time, such as moose hunting season, etc., the seat time requirement is calculated over a 30-week period (rather than the 34 plus weeks of actual class time). Breaking this down, one credit per year is earned for every 4 hours of instruction per week. The upriver schedule allows for a completion of 6.5 credits per year or 26 credits per 4 high school years.
 3. Based on Common Core Standards for ELA and Math, each student will be expected to do a year’s worth of study at their age-level grade – at a minimum.
 4. RTI is built in for 40 minutes per day to help students develop skills potentially missing as they work to age/grade level expectations.

There is a lot of work ahead of us over the course of the year, but the upriver staff is prepared for the challenge.

- B. This year will see an increase in activities and events for Cultural awareness and development in our continuing efforts to integrate Alaska Native Culture throughout Kuspuk School District, per the KSD Strategic Plan.
1. JJSS has been able to extend their ICE Grant until the end of October. This will enable the school to more fully realize the use of the grant.

In short, this is the beginning of a busy year for the upriver schools. We are all up and running and real learning is taking place in all of our classrooms. It has been a great start and we expect a great year.

That’s all for now.