

# Family Partnership Charter School- Renewal Application Summary

The Anchorage School District (ASD) approved Family Partnership Charter School's (FPCS) renewal application on December 6, 2021, for 10 years, through the end of SY 2031-2032 year with an enrollment cap of 1,850 students. Family Partnership Charter School first opened in 1997 and last renewed in 2012. FPCS currently enrolls students in grades K-12<sup>th</sup>.

## Exemptions or requirements included in the contract (FPCS waivers):

FPCS does not have any state regulation or applicable collective bargaining agreement waivers, nor does FPCS have any other waivers other than the five requested waivers listed below.

- Calendar
- Pupil to teacher ratio
- Grading policy
- Attendance policy
- Curriculum

## **Program Information:**

Family Partnership Charter School is a bridge between home-school students and public education that provides a mechanism by which families and certified teachers work together to create Individualized learning plans (ILPs) for students. FPCS operates on a year-round calendar, with an academic schedule of June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Length and duration of courses are variable due to parent-lead home education courses, classes at community locations, and correspondence courses. FPCS maintains regular office hours and teachers submit an AEA flexible work calendar to accommodate the year-round school year.

In the past three years, FPCS has had four significant violations to ASD Policy, Administrative Regulations (AR) and its contract. It is further recommended that District leadership, Family Partnership Charter School administration, and the APC Board Chair meet at the end of the 2024-2025 school year to review progress in having no charter contract violations. Pending a favorable review, Family Partnership Charter School can request an increase to the enrollment cap, up to 3,000.

The current mailing and physical address of FPCS is 4400 Business Park Blvd., Ste. B-22, Anchorage, AK. The current leased space consists of administrative offices, teacher offices, board room, library, and a multipurpose room. As a home-school program, additional space is needed to facilitate state and ASD assessments. FPCS has entered a brief lease to accommodate the expansion in the school and the need for additional assessment space. FPCS seeks to continue to grow student enrollment at a rate of 10% per year to align with the mission and goals of the school. In ten years, FPCS projects an enrollment of 2,945 students (1,635 students enrolled 2020-2021 school year). FPCS has a total operating budget of \$6,929,794.00.

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## School Mission:

*Working together with families in a partnership of teachers, staff, and community members to provide an individualized learning environment that fosters high achievement in core and elective areas; preparing students for life-long success.*

## FPCS's 3-year Strategic Plan (2021-2024):

### Student Achievement

- In 2020/2021, FPCS achieved 87.8% graduation, nearing our goal of 90%.
- FPCS's MAP/PEAKS goal is 90% of students score at the 70th percentile or better. FPCS 20-21 state assessment scores show that 70% of our students score above the 50% percentile in reading, and 65.7% of our students score above the 50% in math.
- FPCS's goal is to offer monthly target-based parent training.

### School Initiatives

- FPCS's goal is to submit a request to the ASD School Board for a waiver exemption to ASD policy on grading timeline and systems. FPCS continues to work on this goal.
- FPCS's desires to offer and promote quarterly staff and parent engagement events.
- FPCS's goal is to increase MAP/PEAK assessment participation to 80%. FPCS is not likely to achieve this goal this year due to Covid concerns and an anti-testing culture within the homeschooling community.
- FPCS's goal is to increase involvement in Enrichment classes. FPCS has increased enrichment participation by 13%, compared to 7% in 20/21.

### Financial Stability

- FPCS aims to secure 25% of their overall funding to be maintained as a reserve, allocating the reserve for future needs (60% building, 20% student needs, 10% staff development, 5% online instruction, and 5% end of life office supplies/tech).
- FPCS aims to increase student allotments at or above 62% of overall funding. FPCS is close to meeting this goal at 61.8%.
- FPCS aims to maintain discretionary spending at or below 2% of overall funding. FPCS is exceeding this goal at 0.5%.