

# The Juneau School District offers a variety of FREE optional programs to meet the unique needs of learners.

In addition to excellent neighborhood schools, the District offers home school, a charter school, Montessori, and Tlingit Culture programs which are public, FREE, and open to ALL students. School bus transportation is provided (except for home school).

## GRADES K-12

### HomeBRIDGE, Established 1999

(Bringing Resources to Individual Development, Growth and Education)

- Good fit for families who want individualized, independent, home-based education.
- Good fit for youngsters with parent supervision and for motivated teens seeking self-paced, independent classes, perhaps mixed with live high school and/or college instruction.
- Up to \$2,200 to purchase materials, lessons, or University classes.
  - Students loaned a laptop.
  - Certified, local teacher helps families choose classes and materials, proctors tests and provides some tutoring.
  - Students may attend classes and all extra-curricular activities at neighborhood school.
    - Students participate in all state testing.
    - Enrollment encouraged by mid-October.
    - Unlimited enrollment, not part of lottery.



### Call 209-HOME

[homebridge.juneauschools.org](http://homebridge.juneauschools.org)

## GRADES K-8

### Juneau Community

### Charter School, Established 1997.

Located at 430 4th Street (Fourth and Harris, downtown)

- A good fit for families who want strong family involvement, a close school-community connection, and a focus on individualized instruction.
- A curriculum that includes project-based learning; frequent trips into the community; and music, art and Spanish instruction.
- Children are encouraged to take an active role in their learning, working both collaboratively and individually, and are recognized as unique learners.
- A small school setting with four multi-grade classrooms. Run by parents and teachers.
- Special Education, ESL/ELL, and other services provided to students requiring them.
- Apply through lottery.

Call 586-2526 to schedule a visit or learn more.  
[jccs.juneauschools.org](http://jccs.juneauschools.org)



## GRADES 1-8

### Montessori Borealis Program, Established 1994

Located in Marie Drake, upstairs

- Appropriate for children of all academic abilities.
- Multi-grade classrooms (1-2-3, 4-5-6, and 7-8) allow children to remain with the same teacher for two or three years.
- Emphasis on helping students develop personal responsibility for their learning.
- Grades 1-6 are organized around an uninterrupted 3-hour learning block, during which children focus on academic work which they select. Children work at their own pace to concentrate on and complete tasks.
- Reading instruction is phonics-based.
- Elementary math involves hands-on Montessori materials designed to teach particular concepts.
- Grades 7-8 provide a small, supportive setting in which students can experiment and grow socially and academically. Basic to advanced math and literature taught daily; science, history, and geography are in intensive blocks. All adolescent students study Spanish.
- Special Education, ESL/ELL, and other services provided to students requiring them.
- Apply through lottery.

Call 523-1841 to schedule a visit or learn more.  
[www.juneauschools.org/montessori](http://www.juneauschools.org/montessori)

## GRADES K-5

### **Tlingit Culture, Language, and Literacy Program, established 2000, Located in Harborview Elementary**

- Good fit for families interested in a place-based program in which children explore natural surroundings and cultural connections.
- Incorporates Tlingit elders and language, cultural knowledge, understanding, and respect.
- Three multi-age classrooms where students are encouraged to do well in school and to develop cultural pride and confidence.
- Stresses academic achievement and literacy, with an emphasis on oral language.
- Strong connection with families.
- Apply through lottery.

**Call 523-1726**

[www.juneauschools.org/tcll](http://www.juneauschools.org/tcll)



## Lottery

The Juneau School District uses a lottery to place children in optional programs. Most openings occur in kindergarten or first grade, but other vacancies are scattered throughout the upper grades. The intent of the lottery is to make sure that programs of choice reflect the diversity and non-discriminatory policies in the Juneau School District. Therefore, students are given priority if they meet income guidelines (see application), qualify for special education, are English language learners, or are not learning at their grade level. All families who want their child in the Charter School, Montessori, or the Tlingit program, **MUST** use a lottery application. A first lottery is held in May; another lottery is held in mid-August. Families contacted with a placement offer have 48 hours to decide whether to accept.

More information about programs, the lottery, and applications can be found online at [www.juneauschools.org](http://www.juneauschools.org) (click on "schools" then "educational options"), or call 523-1704.

Families are expected to visit the program of their choice before making a decision to apply for or accepting a placement.



Applications for Juneau School District programs in this brochure may be obtained at any Juneau School District school, public libraries, at [www.juneauschools.org](http://www.juneauschools.org) or by calling 523-1704.

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# School Choices

for Juneau Kids

- ✓ FREE programs in the Juneau School District
- ✓ FREE school bus transportation from anywhere
- ✓ OPEN to kids anywhere in the District



Apply by **April 15, 2011** for May Lottery  
Apply by **August 15, 2011** for August Lottery