AKRISE!: Alaska Rural Innovation & Student Engagement Network

Promoting engagement through collaboration and innovation for teachers and students in rural areas of Alaska to increase equity, learning, belonging and well-being.

Our Values

- leadership
- contribution
- continuous improvement
- feedback
- trust
- connection & interdependence
- collective goals
- reflection
- collective accountability
- honesty & integrity
- unconditional positive regard

What do we do in a Teacher's Network?

Engage in joint work and collaborative learning about authentic questions that matter to teachers and students. Benefit from sustained collaboration, commitment and connection between face-to-face gatherings. Build collective capacity through sharing expertise and cross-pollination of ideas and effective practices. Collaborate using strategies such as action research, lesson study, co-curriculum projects and video reflection.
How will the work I do with my colleagues positively impact my students' learning?

- **Promote Deep Collaboration**
  - Joint Work
  - Monthly Virtual Meeting & Two Face-to-Face Gatherings

- **Cultivate Affective & Dispositional States**
  - Sense of belonging & connection
  - Empowerment
  - Agency
  - Risk-Taking

- **Strengthen Instructional Practice**
  - Increased rigor
  - Teacher & student engagement
  - Improved cultural competencies

- **Improve Outcomes for Students**
  - Increased student equity, learning, belonging & well-being

Am I ready to engage with my peers in AKRISE?

- I am interested in working through common problems of practice with my colleagues.
- I am the only teacher at my site teaching my grade level and/or content area.
- I am eager to share my expertise with and get feedback from my job-alike peers.
- The shared values listed above reflect my own, and I am eager to work with other Rural Alaskan educators.
- I am interested in being a founding member of an innovative statewide program.
- I am available to meet with my colleagues monthly by video and twice annually in person.

Want to find out more information?

Send your questions and ideas our way! alaskaruralteachernetwork@gmail.com

Email Alex, a teacher who has already participated in a network in our state, to find out about his experience.

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