

Chukchi Community College Develops Program

A recent IRA survey in the NANA Region pointed out the need for an ABE/GED program. Chukchi Community College has successfully developed a program to help students in Kotzebue and Deering who have not finished high school and are interested in the ABE/GED program to further their education and upgrade their current skills to the high school graduate

level. This program is geared toward those over the age of 18 out of high school at least one

academic year, and who would otherwise not fit into a traditional high school setting.

This open-entry open-exit individualized program of study has been extremely beneficial in meeting the pre-college educational needs of the region. Classes are held in Kotzebue four nights a week and cover all five GED subject areas. The teachers are available during the daytime as well as scheduled class time and study sessions. The teachers in Kotzebue are Kathy Baldwin, Vangi Dahl, and Jackie Lawton, and the teacher in the village of Deering is Bonnie Snyder-Jones.

In Deering three students have

recently received their Diplomas and there are two students still studying. This program has been well received. The program in Kotzebue has 33 students currently registered (Spring '80 Semester) and four students have received Diplomas this semester. All GED testing for the NANA Region is done by the Chukchi Community the Regional Testing Center.

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