

Q&A: Anacortes Public Library card for ASD students

What's the goal of this new partnership between the Anacortes School District and Anacortes Public Library?

The goal is to provide all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, with a library card. Research is clear that when students are given access to books, they read more.

What's the difference between the student card and the regular library card?

The student card program is a partnership between the Anacortes School District and the Anacortes Public Library. The card works the same way as a regular library card. The difference is that student cards are limited to five physical resources (books or other materials) and five electronic resources to check out at a time.

Does this card replace my child's current library card?

No. The student card is completely separate from your child's current card. Your child may use the current library card and/or the student card.

What about the borrowing limits, fines and fees on the card?

The student card works the same as a regular library card: if items are not returned, borrowing privileges will be suspended. No fines are imposed.

What if my child got this card but didn't want it?

The Anacortes School District staff or the Anacortes Public Library staff can deactivate the card. Contact the secretary at your child's school to opt out of the program, then complete the opt-out form at the beginning of each subsequent school year.

I lost my student card. What should I do?

Contact the Anacortes Public Library to report your card lost. The Anacortes Public Library can issue a new card and the staff can provide your child with a replacement number to use electronic library services while waiting for a new physical card.

What is my PIN number?

Your child will be issued a PIN number at the Anacortes School District at the same time the Student Library Card is issued. If the card is active, and the PIN number is lost, your child can contact the Anacortes Public Library to be issued a new PIN.

Does the card ever expire?

Student cards are good for one year and can be renewed each year that your student is enrolled in the Anacortes School District.

What happens with the card when my child graduates from high school?

The student card will expire at the end of the summer following your child's graduation. Your child is welcome to come to the Anacortes Public Library and apply for a library card.

Is there anyone tracking what my child checks out with the card?

No. All card activity is confidential.

Can anyone else use my child's card?

Yes, if the person has the card and knows the PIN. Please report lost or stolen cards promptly.

If I live out of the city limits, will my child still be eligible for a free card?

Yes, all students who are enrolled in the Anacortes School District can receive a free card.

Whom do I contact for any questions about the card?

Any Anacortes Public Library staff person will provide answers or help you find answers.