



ASTE 2021 Class Team in the AK Professional Learning Network

The Alaska Professional Learning Network (AkPLN) is a private online space to support professional growth for teachers around our great state. In partnership with the Teaching Channel, ASDN/ACSA offers this space at no cost to Alaskan educators. Members of AkPLN have access to view resources, and join or create school, district or statewide teams.

Most up-to-date **browsers** will work just fine with AkPLN. Chrome, Safari, and Firefox are browsers most often used. If you use a browser not in this list and find that some of the features of the network do not work correctly, switch to one of the recommended up-to-date browsers.

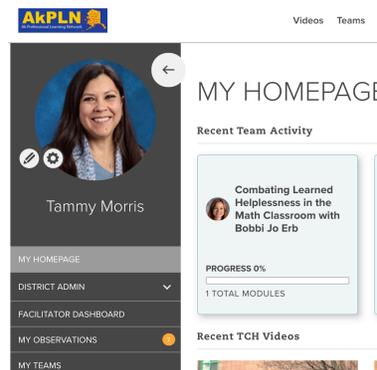
Becoming a member of AkPLN is **FREE to you**, as an AK educator. If you are asked to enter payment information, look again at the directions to join, and if you still have difficulty, please [contact me](#). There is a **one-time process** when you are a **NEW** member of AkPLN. I (wearing my AkPLN Engagement Manager hat) must add your email address to the network. When you register for the class, I will use the email address you registered with to join you to AkPLN. **If you used a different email address to register for the class than the one you use/want to use in AkPLN, please let me know ASAP.** Once I have added your membership to AkPLN, you can proceed with the following directions.

Once you have access to AkPLN:

LOGIN at teachingchannel.org

(Be sure to use the same email address you used to register for the class. If you used a different email address to register for the class than you use to access AkPLN, please email tmorris@alaskaacsa.org with the address you use for AkPLN.)

You'll land on My Homepage. You should see the blue and gold AkPLN banner in the top left of the page.



Complete Your Profile

- Use the pencil icon to complete/edit your profile.
- Use the gear icon to adjust your settings. I highly recommend that you check to see that your email notifications are adjusted the way you want them. By default, all options are checked. **Please continue to receive email notifications from teams you belong to and when members send messages to you** (through AkPLN).

Find Your Team

> In the gray, left navigation bar, select My Teams

This will take you to a page with all AkPLN teams you belong to. This is what the tile for your class looks like:

The screenshot shows a team tile for 'ASTE 2021 Conference Credit Class'. On the left is a logo with 'GO GLOBAL' and 'ASTE 2021'. The main text says 'Primarily for participants of the UAA Credit Course, but we welcome anyone who would like to discuss aspects of the ASTE 2021 Conference!'. Below this are three buttons: 'Professional Learning', 'Technology in the Classroom', and 'N/A'. On the right, it shows 'STARTED: 01/22/2021', 'LAST ACTIVITY: 01/22/2021', '1 Facilitator' with a profile picture, and '1 Member' with a profile picture.

> Click on the title to enter the class platform.

There are also other ways to enter your class team.

The screenshot shows the 'MY HOMEPAGE' interface of the AkPLN network. The left sidebar has a navigation menu with items like 'MY HOMEPAGE', 'DISTRICT ADMIN', 'FACILITATOR DASHBOARD', 'MY TEAMS', 'MY RESOURCES', 'MY NOTES', 'MY MESSAGES (5 NEW)', 'MY CONNECTIONS', 'ABOUT ME', and 'QUICK LINKS'. The main content area is titled 'MY HOMEPAGE' and includes 'Recent Team Activity' with a list of teams and progress bars. There are also video thumbnails for 'TEACHING PRACTICE' and 'LESSON IDEA'. Red handwritten annotations with arrows point to specific elements: '1.' points to the 'Recent Team Activity' section; '2.' points to the 'MY TEAMS' link in the sidebar; '3.' points to the 'MY TEAMS' link in the sidebar; '4.' points to the 'MY TEAMS' link in the sidebar. A speech bubble says 'You can find all AkPLN teams, whether you are a member or not, at this link.' Another speech bubble says 'The 3 teams (that you belong to) with the most recent activity will show up here.' A third speech bubble says 'Find all teams of which you are a current member.' A fourth speech bubble says 'There might be a Quick Link for your team in this list.'

Here are a few screencasts that may be helpful to you:

A Tour of AkPLN: <https://youtu.be/RzRG6iApz7k>

Completing Your AkPLN Profile: <https://youtu.be/pwhiKuMzyFo>

Changing Email Notifications: <https://youtu.be/JEkOeGkdiR8>

Also, the AkPLN team called Help With AkPLN may be helpful: <https://www.teachingchannel.org/teams/182986/learning-plan/887201>

I will be updating it with new tutorials as I get them made :) This team can also be found in the Quick Links of your Home Page in AkPLN.

Once you're inside the **ASTE Class Team**, the landing page will look similar to this:

The screenshot shows the AkPLN Learning Plan interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AkPLN logo, a dropdown menu for 'ASDN/AkPLN', and links for 'Videos', 'Teams', 'Topics', and 'Community'. A search icon is also present. The main content area is titled 'LEARNING PLAN' and features a progress bar showing 'PROGRESS 33%' and '2 of 6 modules completed'. Below the progress bar, the first module is '1 Welcome and Requirements'. A 'WELCOME TO CLASS!' message is displayed, stating: 'We are happy to have you join this very popular class! You'll find that your participation in the class will increase the depth of the learning and sharing you experienced at the ASTE 2021 Conference. You'll appreciate the possibility of immediate application of the ideas and goals you developed during the conference. If you have any questions or concerns about the class, please immediately contact Tammy Morris, Class Facilitator. Feel free to email tammy.morris@inspiredimpact.biz or send a message through AkPLN at any time. You are welcome to call or text 907-617-5221 between 8am and 9pm.' Below the message, there is a section titled 'REQUIREMENTS AND CLASS RESOURCES'. A 'NEXT' button is located at the bottom of the page.

You are in

Module 1: Welcome and Requirements

Click on the section (in the main white page) titled Requirements And Class Resources to find those listed.

Module 2: Attendance

Click on this module to find information about this requirement. You do not need to submit an attendance log this year. I will use the conference system software to track your hours of attendance at live and recorded sessions.

Module 3: Course Articles

Your **Required Readings** are found here. Click on the title of the module in the left gray navigation bar and you'll see something similar to this:

The screenshot displays a course management interface. On the left is a dark gray navigation sidebar with the following sections: 'LEARNING PLAN' (with an upward arrow), 'MEMBERS', 'RESOURCES', 'OPTIONS' (with a downward arrow), and 'DETAILS:'. Under 'LEARNING PLAN', items 1-6 are listed: '1 Welcome and Requirements' (checked), '2 Introductions' (checked), '3 Attendance Log' (checked), '4 Course Articles' (selected), '5 Online Discussions', and '6 Final Papers & Projects'. Under 'DETAILS:', it shows 'STARTED: 01/22/2021', 'LAST ACTIVITY: 01/22/2021', and 'FACILITATORS: Tammy Morris'. At the bottom of the sidebar are three buttons: 'Professional Learning', 'Technology in the Classroom', and 'N/A'. The main content area is titled 'COURSE ARTICLES' (with an upward arrow). It contains several paragraphs of text explaining requirements for 1, 2, and 3 credits. A yellow highlighted box states: 'Be sure to select the Action box when you have completed this requirement.' Below this is a card for 'ASTE21 Rubric' with a 'DOC' icon. The 'ACTIONS' section contains a checkbox and the text 'At least 2 (or 3) substantive posts on at least 2 (or 3) separate articles'. The 'WABISABI'S LATEST ARTICLES' section lists 'EDUCATORS ARE THE GLOBAL GOALS' and 'WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF K-12 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION', both with downward arrows.

Click on each Article title to gain access to the article, read what others have posted, and make your own post.

Module 4: Online Discussions

Your **Required Online Discussions** will happen here. When you click on one of these discussions, you'll either start a discussion or respond to someone else's discussion.

and contribute links to other online resources that may be valuable to your colleagues:

Select a topic to discuss by clicking on the name of the topic. You may start your own conversation in the topic area by simply typing in the text box. You may reply in other conversations by clicking on Reply. The posts will be threaded, but very slightly, so you'll have to look carefully to see the nesting. If you're not sure what to post, think about the various sessions you attended; how did they impact you?

Be sure to select the Action Box when you complete this requirement!



ASTE21 Rubric

ACTIONS

At least 3 (or 6) substantive posts in any of the Online Discussions

ASTE 2021 GENERAL



ASTE 2021 KEYNOTES & SPEAKERS



COMPUTER SCIENCE



EFFECTIVE USE OF GOOGLE IN EDUCATION



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP



PRODUCTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATION



Module 5: Final Papers & Projects

Choosing this module allows you to read requirements of the Final Paper/Project assignment. You may post your Final Paper/Project here or email it to me.

Be sure you regularly check the email account you use to sign up for your AKPLN account. Also, make sure you can receive emails from my address. The .biz part of it sometimes gets hung up in people's filters.

Screencast tour of ASTE 2021 Class team: <https://youtu.be/9gC86PG1na0>

Please don't hesitate to contact me via any of the contact methods listed in my signature if you have any concerns or questions. I'll be glad to help, and I do try to address your questions and/or concerns within 24 hours.

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