

National Archery in the Schools Program -Alaska

NASP® PROGRAM General info:

- Created by Roy Grimes and first started in March of 2002 in the state of Kentucky.
- This is an “**IN SCHOOL**” program allowing ALL kids an opportunity to participate, whether they can attend after school activities or not. Many students are first time archers!
- All standard equipment (bows will fit EVERYONE)
- Over 14,00 schools and 20 million kids have participated in NASP® Worldwide. (US, 9 Canadian Provinces, United Kingdom, New Zealand, and more!)
- For both Boys and Girls 4th- 12th grades
- Usually part of the PE curriculum
- State, National and World Tournaments are held each year.

WHY is NASP® so popular?

- Archery is fun! 94% of students love it.
- NASP® archery is safe! 20 million students have participated without having any accidents!
- Students enjoy self-improvement and progress!
- Students enjoy competing with friends and being part of a team.

NASP® IN AK:

- It started in Alaska in 2006. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Hunter Information and Training Program runs NASP®.
Maria Bakic- Alaska State Coordinator
- 2024-2025 reports showed 7,367 students participating in Alaska.
- Alaska has a yearly NASP® “virtual” tournament. The 2024-2025 state bullseye tournament had 403 archers participate from 20 schools across Alaska.
- Over 350 Basic Archery Instructors are certified in Alaska!

Getting NASP® Started at your school!

In order to offer NASP® in your school, you need three very important things!

1. In School Agreement with NASP®- you must agree to offer the program during school hours
2. A NASP® approved archery kit.
3. Certified NASP® instructors

Training and Archery Kit Cost:

Training: Training is a one-day course. ADF&G provides the instructor and the \$50.00 NASP® training packet. Trainings can accommodate up to 12 instructors depending on space at the facility.

Kit Cost: The cost of the standard NASP® approved Archery kit is roughly \$4K plus shipping. Please contact your state coordinator for shipping information. A standard kit consists of:

- 12 Genesis bows (11 to 20 MAX draw weight)
- 5 dozen arrows (Easton 1820 aluminum for safety)
- Safety curtain
- Bow rack
- Repair kit
- 5 targets
- Floor quivers

Grants are available to help with purchasing a kit. For the 2025-2026 school year, grants are \$1,500 off one full kit for schools new to the NASP® program. Contact your coordinator for more information: dfg.dwc.hit.nasp@alaska.gov

FAQ:

Q. Can I teach NASP® in my school as an after-school program only?

A. Yes and No. You may have an after-school program that uses NASP® equipment and is run by a certified coach, but you cannot receive grants to offset costs of equipment, participate in the state tournament, or the Academic Archer program.

Q. Can I order NASP® equipment from another vendor?

A. Yes, however you can only order approved NASP® gear, and NASP® has a better discounted price for NASP® schools than other vendors.

Q. Do you need archery experience to become a certified NASP® Basic Archery Instructor?

A. No! You do not need archery experience, everything you need to know to lead NASP® with students will be taught to you during the 8-hour training course.