The North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management endeavors to increase public awareness regarding subsistence-use wildlife through outreach and educational activities and to encourage our young people to enter the field of science as a career. Student Exchange Programs are an experiential method for reaching towards this goal.

- Student Exchange Programs include four mentors:
  - Outreach Coordinator/Educator
  - NSB Biologist
  - Collaborating Scientist
  - Village chaperone

- Opportunities available for NSB students in grades 9-12
- Student Exchange Programs including all four mentors provide the best outcome:
  - Educator keeps activities on student level, translates the science, helps keep students engaged
  - NSB Biologist provides information on the science they are conducting with NSB communities and their connection with these local communities
  - Collaborating Scientist provides outside opportunities for students to visit research laboratories and other facilities that handle NSB samples
  - Village chaperone provides a connection for the students to home and a source of traditional knowledge

- The Student Exchange Programs came about as a way to help young people understand the research by “following the samples” that are taken in their community to outside research facilities. Exchanges to date include:
  - NSB/Point Lay Mystic Exchange to Mystic Aquarium
  - Hopson Middle School Students to Sitka Whalefest
  - Wainwright Students and Seals Program to Colorado State University

- Other cooperating researchers and other contributing funds are being considered for the future of this program.

For more information, go to: www.north-slope.org/departments/wildlife-management/other-topics/nsb-dwm-student-programs