



Alaska Parental Rights in Education Candidate Survey

The following questions pertain to your educational experiences and the policies you will support or oppose if elected as a state lawmaker. Laws and regulations inherently make some activities lawful and others unlawful. To the extent that you may personally prefer a particular policy you may indicate your preference, but these questions ask how you will actually govern if elected as a member of the 35th Alaska State Legislature (2027-2028).

1. What types of education did you personally experience as a child (K-12)? Please check all that apply:

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| ☒ Public | ☐ Tutor | ☐ STEM/STEAM |
| ☒ Private | ☐ Team Teaching | ☐ Democratic/Free |
| ☐ Charter | ☐ Montessori | ☐ Fine Arts |
| ☐ Correspondence | ☐ Waldorf | ☐ Outdoor/Expeditionary |
| ☐ Magnet | ☐ International Baccalaureate (IB) | ☐ Agricultural |
| ☐ Lottery | ☐ Foreign | ☐ Dual credit (HS/College) |
| ☐ School at home | ☐ University-Model | ☐ Sudbury |
| ☐ Hybrid | ☐ Military/Prep | ☐ Community School |
| ☐ POD | ☐ Boarding | ☐ Reggio Emilia |
| ☐ Vo-Tech | ☐ Career and Technical | ☐ Acton Academy/Adventure |
| ☐ Classical | ☐ Language Immersion | ☐ Progressive |
| ☐ Co-op | ☐ Dual Language | ☐ One Room Schoolhouse |
| ☐ Microschool | ☐ Bilingual | ☐ Other _____ |
| ☐ Online/Virtual | ☐ Tribal | |

Comments:

I began grade school in a private Catholic school that my Parents paid for with no government vouchers or help. I transferred to Public school in 8th grade.

2. What types of education have your children experienced (K-12)? Please check all that apply:

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Comments:

3. What does "School Choice" mean to you and is this something you will support if elected?

It means that the parents get to choose which school their child attends. To me, this sets up a sort of "free market" system where the parents can move their child away from an underperforming school. It motivates the school to make sure that the education students receive is top notch. This will then help parents make the decision to keep their children in that school and the school will retain the funding for that child.

4. Do you support mandatory testing for Alaska K-12 students?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

Yes. Testing validates the teaching methods and the ability of the teacher and school to educate students.

5. Do you recognize the fundamental right of parents to direct the education of their children?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

6. Who is ultimately responsible to direct the education of a child?

☒ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) ☐ Teachers/Experts
☐ The State ☐ Other (Please explain)

7. Do you support the right of parents to opt out of educational content they do not believe to be in the best interests of their child?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

Parent should always have the right to direct the education of their children. And they should also have the right to remove their child from classes and content that does not agree with the morals and values they want for their kids.

8. If current state laws with respect to correspondence schools should be changed how would you improve them?

Fully fund correspondence schools to the same level (BSA) that neighborhood schools enjoy.

9. Should teachers and school administrators be legally required to promptly inform a parent or guardian if a student has requested to change their gender identity?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

But a bigger question, in my mind, is why would a school even entertain the idea that a child's sexuality is any of their business.

10. Do you support the inclusion of biological male (non-XX) students on girls athletic teams or in spaces set aside for girls under any circumstances?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

Children and their parents have a right to feel safe from sexual predation. Allowing crossgender bathrooms or locker rooms defeats that idea.

If so, under what circumstances? (Please explain)

11. Should families that choose a correspondence program that is not affiliated with their local school district be required to go through their local school district to access the correspondence program they have chosen?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

12. Should students participating in non-district education programs be permitted to participate in competitive athletics alongside their peers in their local school district?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

13. Do you support the presence of a school chaplain on school campuses?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

Yes.

14. Do teachers and school employees have a right to self-defense with a firearm at their place of employment, or do teachers and school employees lose their right to self-defense by virtue of working on a school campus?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

I support the rights of teachers to defend themselves. I also believe that they, as well as all Americans have a responsibility to do so and to defend children that are placed in their care.

15. Should Alaska high school graduates be eligible to apply for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) based on college entrance exam scores (ACT/SAT/WorkKeys) alone, regardless of which school or home school a student graduated from?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

16. Should charter schools be permitted to choose accreditation through either a local school district or the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED)?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

17. Should Alaska immediately end state policies that discriminate against high school graduates applying for employment in corrections and law enforcement on the basis of whether or not a high school graduate's diploma is from an accredited school?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

18. Have you requested or received an endorsement or other support from the NEA or any of its affiliates?

☐ Yes (Please explain) ☐ No

No I have not. And based on my stances, amendments, and floor debate in the last 6 years, I full expect that the NEA will endorse anyone running against me who has any even slightly more moderate views than I do. Parental Choice is paramount with me and is part of my political DNA

Additional comments (optional)

I have written extensively on education in my substack.

<https://kevinjmccabe.substack.com/p/should-a-neighborhood-school-be-a?>

<https://substack.com/@kevin30/note/p-197609457?>

<https://substack.com/@kevin30/note/p-162271140?>