



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:

Many of the above listed educational pathways were not available when I was in school

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

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Comments:

As my wife and I were both in the Military it was one of the best options, both our children excelled in public schools.

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

_School of choice means that parents can have a decision in which school their student attends. This can mean students can attend classes that meet their needs and or challenge them. School that teach things the parents disagree with can also be a contributing facto.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unsure (Please explain)

The Question lacks specifics needed to make an accurate assessment.

5. Do you recognize the fundamental right of parents to direct the education of their children?☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

It is the parents responsibility to raise their children not the government.

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)

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

All funding follows the student to include transportation funding and special needs as applicable.

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?

XX Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

Children can be influenced by outside sources, it is the parents duty to address them.

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 XX No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

The gender you are born as is encoded in your DNA and can't change.

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 ☐ XX Unsure (Please explain) Again a very vague question. If public funds are being used the student should have the same requirements as their peers.

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

XX Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

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

☐ Yes XX No ☐ Unsure (Please explain) _

Faith is a parents responsibility not the government.

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)

With strict guidelines, training and required weapons certification.

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)

Until the law is changed we must follow it.

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) Alaskan public schools are failing they can not meet the national standards in many areas.

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)

Reducing standards does not make people or organizations better.

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

☐ Yes (Please explain) ☒ No

Additional comments (optional)

“It’s could be a new time for education in Alaska. Our kids deserve better, and that means putting students first in every decision we make. We need to get more resources into classrooms, support great teachers, empower parents, cut unnecessary bureaucracy, and hold our education system accountable for results. This isn’t about protecting institutions or politics, but it’s about asking one simple question: Does this help students learn? If it doesn’t, we need the courage to change it. Every Alaska child deserves the opportunity to succeed, build a future here, and help create a stronger Alaska. It’s time for bold leadership, real solutions, and brighter tomorrows for Alaska’s kids.

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