



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 was homeschooled all the way up to high school when I attended public school until graduation.

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

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Comments:

My daughter is only 3 months old at this time. We are exploring homeschooling, Montessori as well as public school for her.

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

School choice means that parents receive funding from the state to send their children to a
program outside of their neighborhood brick and mortar school. Education is not one size fits all
and so the money should follow the student; not least because, at least in Anchorage, the
majority of our property taxes go to public school funding.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unsure (Please explain)

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)

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

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)

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)

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)

I am not sure how the economics of this works out but I am interested in learning. I am supportive of any student being able to participate in sports with their peers.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure (Please explain)

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)

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

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