

# AHEA

The Alaska Home Educators Alliance (AHEA) is a group of concerned, homeschooling parents who are working for better performance, safety, and lower costs to educate Alaskan children. Our aim is to inform the public and public officials about issues which affect the education of the children in our state.

We hope you will take time to complete this questionnaire. We would like to be able to inform our members, most of whom are homeschoolers, of your stand on issues. We will be sending the results to the 10,000 voters who home school in Alaska.

We tried to make all our questions answerable by a simple "Yes" or "No". Please circle the appropriate answer for each question, refold this page so our address shows, and drop it in the mail. Feel free to include comments addressing the questions on a separate sheet. We would be pleased to hear more from you.

If you have questions for us, email [AHEA@affiliatedhomeschoolers.org](mailto:AHEA@affiliatedhomeschoolers.org).

If you would like us to contact you for further discussion, please give your contact information here:

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Please respond by 12:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
The AHEA Board  
PO Box 140784  
Anchorage, AK 99514-0784

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of \$1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately \$800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among Alaskan students?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, **privately purchased** religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?  
Yes / No / Please call me.

# AHEA Candidate Questionnaire

**Please respond promptly. Thank YOU!**

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