

Alaska Legislative Task Force on Civics Education

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Anchorage LIO Conference Room 232
1500 West Benson, Anchorage, AK 99501
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

TESTIMONY GUIDELINE QUESTIONS

1. Please describe your background and experience as an educator.
2. In your opinion, what role does the Arts and Humanities play in preparing our next generation of citizens?
3. Can you please describe the top extra-curricular opportunities provided students that helps prepare students to be a more educated and prepared citizen?
4. How important is it for the teachers, schools, and districts to build relationships with non-profit organizations and community members who are willing to support civics education and opportunities for youth? Please explain.
5. Do you feel our education system is failing our students in terms of preparing them with civic knowledge, civic skills, and civic dispositions? Please explain.
6. In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness in the educational system that could be addressed by our State that would make the largest impact on preparing our next generation of citizens?
7. Is there a curriculum, or program(s) in your opinion that clearly engages students and provides them the foundation and preparation needed to be a better citizen?
8. One of the items being discussed is adding a requirement that all Alaskan students must pass the Immigration and Naturalization test in order to graduate from a school in our State. In your opinion, what are the strengths and weaknesses of requiring this of all students in order to graduate?
9. Would you as an exceptional social studies educator endorse such a plan?
10. If you agree we could do better, please list in order of importance, from least to most important, your suggestions for strengthening civics in Alaska schools.