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AHEA Board

- **To strengthen** homeschooling families through unity
- **To support** the rights of parents who want to educate their own children
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- **To inform** homeschooling families of pertinent litigation (www.AHEAnow.org)
- **To assist** legislators in their decisions
- **To unite** all supporters and participators of home education
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- **To support** public school and homeschool partnerships
- **To prevent** discrimination of those who choose to use privately-purchased curriculum
- **To educate** the general public about homeschooling and **raise awareness** about common concerns

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There are two primary choices in life; to accept conditions as they exist or accept the responsibility for changing them.

~ Denis Waitley



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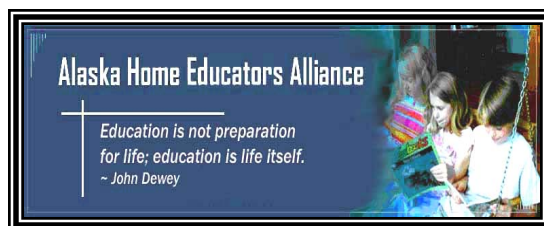
Overview: Homeschooling in Alaska

- 1996 - SCR 25 extols homeschooling
- 1997 - SB134 deregulates homeschooling
- 1997-2002 - statewide programs— recognized doing more with less; saves state resources
- 2002 - Dept. of Education halts funding if privately purchased, faith-based materials are used (not state purchased)
- 2002 - SB345 allows use of privately purchased, faith-based materials
- 2003-4 - Dept. of Education places 15% cap of allotment for art, music, PE for statewide programs (to halt perceived abuses)
- 2004— Audit interpretation: more restrictions on statewide programs if using privately purchased, faith-based materials
- 2005 – Memo from Deputy AG regarding SB345 distorts intent of bill; yields more restrictions
- 2006 - Candidate Palin supports educational options. Positive answers to all AHEA survey questions
- 2006-2007 - Governor Palin recognizes homeschool as educational option
- 2008 - Dept. of Education board attempts to equalize disparity between state-wide and in-district programs (Results in restricting in-district programs)
- 2008— Governor Palin and Board of Education appoints Larry LeDoux as new Commissioner of Education

~ ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL ~

Alaska Home Educators Alliance: Our Mission

It is the express purpose of AHEA
to ensure that families who
choose to educate their own
children are supported in their
endeavor, with attention to
SAFETY, EQUITY, PERFORMANCE,
and RESPONSIBILITY.



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Homeschool Programs in Alaska

Blue italics = Districts Serving Children in Statewide Programs

Black manuscript = In-district programs

- AK Gateway Correspondence (Gateway)
- *Chugiak Home School Extension (Chugach)*
- Connections Homeschool Program (Kenai)
- *Copper River Correspondence (Copper River)*
- *CyberLynx Correspondence (Nenana)*
- *Delta Correspondence School (Delta-Greely) Denali*
- *PEAK (Denali Borough)*
- Fairbanks Guided Independent Study (Fairbanks)
- Family Partnership Charter School (Anchorage)
- Frontier Charter School (Anchorage)
- Haines Correspondence Program (Haines)
- HomeBRIDGE (Juneau)
- *IDEA-Interior Distance Ed. of AK (Galena)*
- *Iditarod Distance Learning (Iditarod)*
- Kodiak Regional Learning Center (Kodiak)
- Mat-Su Correspondence (Mat-Su)
- *PACE Correspondence (Craig)*
- *Raven Correspondence (Yukon-Koyukuk)*
- REACH Homeschool (Sitka)
- Twindley Bridge Charter School (Mat-Su)
- *Yukon River Academy (Tanana)*
- Independent Homeschooling – See www.aphea.org