

House Bill 139 Correspondence Study Program Funding

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Correspondence Programs

- Alaska provides publicly-funded homeschool options through its correspondence programs
- Options to educate children at home
- Access to state-approved curriculum
- Access to certified teachers
- Access to funding for materials

Statewide statistics

- There are 34 Correspondence Programs across Alaska.
- These programs encompass more than 20,000 students, which equals roughly 15.4% of students statewide.

Special Needs multiplier

- Vocational education, special education (except intensive special education), gifted/talented education, and bilingual/bicultural education are block funded.
- A district must file a plan with the department indicating the special needs services that will be provided, per AS 14.17.420 (b), to qualify for special needs funding.
- Special needs multiplier is 1.20

Funding

- Correspondence Programs currently receive 90% of the ADM funding
- Correspondence Programs do not receive the Special Needs 1.20 multiplier

Brick and mortar space needed for Correspondence Programs

- Monthly lease agreements
- Libraries
- Resource rooms
- Office space
- Rental space for testing
 - Equipment, internet, set up/tear down
- IT equipment and support services

Funding change under HB 136

- This bill proposes an increase to 100% of the Average Daily Membership (ADM).
- Correspondence Programs receive the Special Needs multiplier of 1.20

Thank You

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