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MISSION

To provide a state system of education which is committed to academic excellence and which provides education of the highest quality to all Alabama students, preparing them for the 21st Century.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Accountability Roundtable and State Support Team
- Alabama Reading Initiative
- Alabama's State Improvement Grant
- Career/Technical Education
- Child Nutrition
- Classroom Improvement Curriculum & Instruction
- Communication
- Comprehensive State Monitoring Reviews Curriculum & Instruction
- Coordinated School Health Program
- Data Collection
- Driver Education
- Federal Programs
- Information Systems Services
- LEA Financial Assistance
- Legislative Services
- National Board of Professional Teaching Standards
- Office of General Counsel
- Personnel Evaluation Program
- Prevention and Support Services
- Professional Development/Resources
- Professional Education
- Pupil Transactions
- School Architect & School Facilities
- SDE Accounting
- SDE Human Resources
- Special Education
- Student Assessment
- Teacher Education and Certification
- Teacher Quality Enhancement Project
- Technology Initiatives
- Training & Assessment

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MISSION

Alabama Schools Online was created to provide a resource of educational and civic leadership subjects for students of all ages, teachers, parents, and all other citizens of Alabama who might benefit from this information.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Provides information about:

- Alabama Elementary Schools Online
- Alabama Middle Schools Online
- Alabama High Schools Online
- Alabama School Districts
- Four-Year Public Institutions
- Four-Year Private Institutions
- Two-Year Public Institutions
- Two-Year Private Institutions
- Alabama Law, Medical and Veterinary Schools

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PURPOSE

The A+ Education Foundation is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in public education in Alabama at the K-12 level.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

It studies all aspects of public education in Alabama and is involved in hands-on efforts to work with and for schools, school systems and individual educators committed to excellence in education. Several task forces are in place to spur effective educational reform. A+: The Coalition for Better Education is a grassroots, citizen-based advocacy organization dedicated to working for comprehensive education reform in Alabama. The A+ Coalition was established seven years ago by a diverse group of Alabama citizens committed to bringing about educational excellence in our state. There is now a base of thousands of members across the state that champion education reform.

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PURPOSE

AASB is the official voice of the state's local school boards and other boards governing K-12 public education agencies. It is dedicated to improving educational opportunities for all Alabama public school students through the improvement of local lay education governance.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

By pooling resources through its membership, AASB provides services which one school board could not economically provide alone. Boardmanship skills training, risk management programs and practical publications are among the many services provided to AASB members. In addition, AASB represents the interests of its members before the state Legislature, state Board of Education and other state and national agencies.

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PURPOSE

The Alabama Educational Association is an advocate organization that leads the movement for excellence in education and is a voice for the profession. Their mission is to promote educational excellence. The Alabama Educational Association shall serve as the advocate for its members and shall lead in the advancement of equitable and quality public education for a diverse population.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

To support and represent its members and affiliates in their efforts to achieve the mission, the Alabama Education Association, an affiliate of the National Education Association, pursues the following strategic objectives:

- Ensure equity, excellence, and professionalism: AEA will lead the movement to advance and, as necessary, restructure the state's public education system.
- Increase awareness and improve public opinion: AEA will communicate a positive image of public education and the Association

- Promote and defend human and civil rights: AEA will work to eliminate all forms of discrimination
- Protect, improve, and expand the rights of education employees: AEA will advocate political and legal action to gain greater professional, personal, and economic security
- Maintain a strong united education profession: AEA will implement strategies to enlist, retain, involve, train, and empower its members
- Successfully achieve the Strategic Plan: AEA will support and adequately fund the necessary systems and services

COUNCIL FOR LEADERS IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS (CLAS)

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MISSION

The mission of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools is to coordinate and facilitate the resources of all members for the advancement of public education. Consistently, CLAS members choose child advocacy and quality professional development as the two most important functions of the umbrella organization.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

CLAS membership is open to individuals who hold or are seeking positions in school administration. It is an umbrella association serving 11 different affiliate organizations. Each CLAS member must join at least one affiliate. The affiliate organizations provide job-alike conferences and support for members. As an umbrella, CLAS provides professional development, communications, legal support, legislative lobbying, recognition and more to all members. Many CLAS members strengthen their professional connections with membership in a national organization (AAESA and ACTA require national membership).

Another integral part of the association is its ability to make educational leaders accessible to each other.

- Someone to call when you need an outside opinion
- Help researching an issue affecting your school or system
- An inside track into the state's legislative process
- An advocate to foster constant improvement and change in Alabama's schools



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

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MISSION

The Alabama College System, consisting of public two-year community and technical colleges and an upper division college seeks to provide accessible, quality educational opportunities, promote economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for people in Alabama.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Alabama College System provides a unified system of academic college education, technical education, customized business and industry training, workforce development and adult education. This system is part of a seamless, lifelong education process for all Alabamians and corporate citizens.

The Alabama College System's commitment to access is characterized by statewide geographic locations, open enrollment, low-cost tuition, and a variety of programs and services that remove barriers to college, education and workforce training.

Governed by the State Board of Education, the Alabama College System consists of 21 comprehensive community colleges and 4 technical colleges.

ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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MISSION

The Commission seeks to provide reasonable access to quality collegiate and university education for the citizens of Alabama.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education is the state agency responsible for the overall statewide planning and coordination of higher education in Alabama, the administration of various student aid programs, and the performance of designated regulatory functions. The Commission facilitates informed decision making and policy formulation regarding wise stewardship of resources in response to the needs of students and the goals of institutions. The agency also provides a state-level framework for institutions to respond cooperatively and individually to the needs of the state's citizens.

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MISSION

To provide research, technology development, technology assistance, and technology transfer to industries to enhance economic development and competitiveness

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Provide education and training by increasing the availability of technical, managerial, and leadership personnel who have both superior technical ability and an enthusiasm for the manufacturing enterprise
- Conduct manufacturing research and technology development activities for industry and government laboratories and agencies
- Provide outreach and service by deploying technology and knowledge through applied projects that will enhance quality and productivity in regional and national manufacturing enterprises and create new manufacturing vendors and operations



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (AIDT)

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MISSION

The mission of AIDT is to provide quality workforce development for Alabama's new and existing businesses, and to expand the opportunities of its citizens through the jobs these businesses create.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

AIDT, an institute of the State's Department of Postsecondary Education, encourages economic development through job-specific training. Training services are offered in many areas, and are free of charge to new and expanding businesses throughout the State. AIDT's services include:

- Total Training System
- Training Mobility
- Leadership Development

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MISSION

ATN provides the most innovative technical assistance and training to continually improve Alabama businesses and industries.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Alabama Technology Network of the Alabama Community College System links two-year colleges, the University of Alabama System, Auburn University and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama together to solve the needs of the state's existing manufacturing industry. This link allows

Alabama manufacturers to "make things better in their business." As Alabama's Affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, our employees are able to provide training and services that meet local needs and provide innovative and cost-effective solutions. Through ATN's resources, we put our clients in touch with our experts to provide solutions to their business needs. ATN's 15 centers are strategically located throughout Alabama to provide local points of contact to manufacturers in need of assistance.

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- Auburn:
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- Birmingham:
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MISSION

The Workforce Development Division of ADECA administers training programs for adults, dislocated workers, and youth under the Workforce Investment Act.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The division offers the school-to-career program, migrant seasonal farm worker training programs, and the welfare-to-work training program for the State of Alabama.