



K-12

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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

ALABAMA SCHOOLS ONLINE

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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