**Article 3. Correspondence Study Programs.**

**Sec. 14.03.300. Correspondence study programs; individual learning plans.** (a) A district or the department that provides a correspondence study program shall annually provide an individual learning plan for each student enrolled in the program developed in collaboration with the student, the parent or guardian of the student, a certificated teacher assigned to the student, and other individuals involved in the student's learning plan. An individual learning plan must

(1) be developed with the assistance and approval of the certificated

teacher assigned to the student by the district;

(2) provide for a course of study for the appropriate grade level

consistent with state and district standards;

(3) provide for an ongoing assessment plan that includes statewide

assessments required for public schools under [AS 14.03.123](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.123)(f);

(4) include a provision for modification of the individual learning plan

if the student is below proficient on a standardized assessment in a core subject;

(5) provide for a signed agreement between the certificated teacher assigned to the student and at least one parent or the guardian of each student that verifies compliance with an individual learning plan;

(6) provide for monitoring of each student's work and progress by the certificated teacher assigned to the student.

(b) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department may not impose additional requirements, other than the requirements specified under (a) of this section and under [AS 14.03.320](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.320), on a student who is proficient or advanced on statewide assessments required under [AS 14.03.123](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.123)(f).

**Sec. 14.03.320. Student allotments.** (a) Except as provided in (e) of this section, the department or a district that provides a correspondence study program may provide an annual student allotment to a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the correspondence study program for the purpose of meeting instructional expenses for the student enrolled in the program as provided in this section.

(b) A parent or guardian may purchase nonsectarian services and materials from a public, private, or religious organization with a student allotment provided under (a) of this section if

(1) the services and materials are required for the course of study in the individual learning plan developed for the student under [AS 14.03.300](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.300);

(2) textbooks, services, and other curriculum materials and the course of study

(A) are approved by the school district;

(B) are appropriate for the student;

(C) are aligned to state standards; and

(D) comply with [AS 14.03.090](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.090) and [AS 14.18.060](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.18.060); and

(3) the services and materials otherwise support a public purpose.

(c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, an annual student allotment provided under this section is reserved and excluded from the unreserved portion of a district's year-end fund balance in the school operating fund under [AS 14.17.505](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.17.505).

(d) The department or a district that provides for an annual student allotment under (a) of this section shall

(1) account for the balance of an unexpended annual student allotment during the period in which a student continues to be enrolled in the correspondence program for which the annual allotment was provided;

(2) return the unexpended balance of a student allotment to the budget of the department or district for a student who is no longer enrolled in the correspondence program for which the allotment was provided;

(3) maintain a record of expenditures and allotments; and

(4) implement a routine monitoring of audits and expenditures.

(e) A student allotment provided under (a) of this section may not be used to pay for services provided to a student by a family member. In this subsection, "family member" means the student's spouse, guardian, parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, step grandparent, child, uncle, or aunt.

**Related Statutes:**

**Sec. 14.07.020. Duties of the department.**    (a) The department shall:

(9) exercise general supervision over elementary and secondary correspondence study programs offered by municipal school districts or regional educational attendance areas; the department may also offer and make available to any Alaskan through a centralized office a correspondence study program;

**Sec. 14.07.050. Selection of textbooks.** Textbooks for use in the public schools of the state, including a district offered statewide correspondence study program, shall be selected by district boards for district schools. Nothing in this section precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district.

**Sec. 14.03.090. Partisan, sectarian, or denominational doctrines prohibited.** Partisan, sectarian, or denominational doctrines may not be advocated in a public school during the hours the school is in session. A teacher or school board violating this section may not receive public money.

**Sec. 14.17.430. State funding for correspondence study.** Except as provided in

[AS 14.17.400](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/statutes.asp#14.17.400)(b), funding for the state centralized correspondence study program or a district correspondence program, including a district that offers a statewide correspondence study program, includes an allocation from the public education fund in an amount calculated by multiplying the ADM of the correspondence program by 90 percent.