Interior Distance Education of Alaska (IDEA)
SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM

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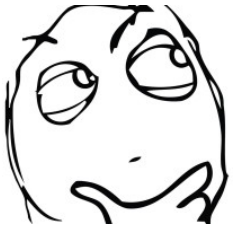

One might wonder what opportunities are there for inclusion within the homeschool setting?

Considering, when a person homeschools, it can be challenging to find opportunities to place a student in a room with their same age peers.

However, what a home school program CAN DO is offer academic, social and skill based clubs, activities, and field trips.

This provides a group of "peers" that share a common interest.

A mutual interest in the same topic allows for kids to come together, look past differences, and bond in an authentic and inspirational setting.

IDEA currently has
61 clubs available
for students
across the state to join.

Here is a sampling
of some of the clubs
that students
are able to pursue
their common interests in:

Aca-Deca
Art
Book Club
Chess
Equestrian Studies

FFA (Future Farmers of America)
Geneology
Geography
LEGO Robotics
Math

Fairbanks “Philosophers” award winning team at Alaska's Invitational FIRST LEGO League Championship in Anchorage.

Due to one student’s hearing impairment, a set of aviation headphones were utilized to reduce the amount of surrounding noise and allow the Referee (foreground with head set) to communicate with the student and for the students to communicate with each other. This worked *very* well and the First Tech Challenge officials were cooperative and accommodating.

Thus, the student had a really positive first experience on an FTC team.

Science Sister's team

Core Value Award

Music
Photography
Rock Climbing
Sewing/Quilting
Sign Language

These are just a sampling of the many clubs IDEA students can join to interact with peers who share a common interest.

In addition to clubs, IDEA students have the ability to join field trips.
Whether it be a science based field trip, a downhill ski trip,
a trip to the Sea Life Center, ice skating, or the Police/Fire Station.

And there are numerous events
hosted at each of the five regional offices.

Such as standard academic events like:
the Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Iditaread, and Battle of the Books.

Artistic & musical students can participate in:
Art in the Capitol, All State Art,
All State Band/Choir and Solo & Musical Ensemble.

IDEA also has other non-traditional events such as:
Hands on History, Cooking and Baking contests, and Historical Conquest.

IDEA high school students can travel to Galena Interior Learning Academy and participate in month long intensive learning opportunities in the areas of:

Culinary Arts
Automotive
Cosmetology
Aviation

There are trips available
that dive deeply
into the government processes
with the Close Up in Juneau
and Close Up in Washington D.C.

There is a variety of possibilities available
to meet the individual interest of every student.

Our special education team
promotes and encourages participation
for students with disabilities
through academic, social and skill based clubs, activities, field trips, and events.

This fabulous team offers students accommodations and modifications
along with moral support and upbeat “you got this” encouragement.
Their student's progress is often followed to provide individualized recognition.

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