

3. Is it constitutional for the State of Alaska to give public funds to a 12-year-old Alaskan resident for the purpose of attending Monroe Catholic School in Fairbanks?

Currently, there is no state law that would provide for that. I also do not find on these basic facts a public purpose required under art. IX, sec. 6. Without more information, this appears to be prohibited under art. VII sec. 1 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and to implicate art. 1, sec. 1 and art. 1, sec. 4, although a court is the final interpreter of constitutional principles. I am not aware of any court case asserting that right. I believe, however, there are some cases in which a student with a severe disability has sued the state for funding to attend a private and nonsectarian specialized school under federal disabilities law when the state could not otherwise provide a "free and appropriate" education.