

A. Alabama Memorandum



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TO: County and City Superintendents

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At its June 9, 1988, meeting, the State Board of Education adopted the Alabama Course of Study for Science Education, K-12. During the discussion about origins of life, the Board agreed that teachers should be given the following position statement:

Consistent with the expressions of the U. S. Supreme Court in Edwards v. Aguillard, teachers shall have the freedom and flexibility to supplement the curriculum with the presentation of various scientific theories about the origins of life, if done with the secular intent of enhancing the effectiveness of science instruction.

Although this course of study does not go into effect until the 1989-90 school year, there have been requests to have this notification made now. There is no reason not to do so since the statement merely calls attention to "freedom and flexibility" already authorized in the Court's opinion.

If you have questions, contact Dr. Martha Barton at 261-5240.

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Appendage A.