Fact Sheet

Legal Status
Hosted by the Department of Geography at Texas State University, a member of The Texas State University System. The Texas Alliance was established in 1986, one of eight original state alliances sponsored by the National Geographic Network of Alliances for Geographic Education.

Key Funders
Funding partners include the Department of Geography at Texas State University, the State of Texas, and the National Geographic Education Foundation. Key programming funds have been awarded by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Humanities Texas, and Esri.

Mission Statement
“To support and advocate for geographic education in the Texas educational community.” The Texas Alliance will work with Texas educators (K-12 and university faculty) to develop programs and services in support of geography education.

Programs & Services
The Texas Alliance works with Texas educators (K-12 and university faculty) to develop programs and services in support of geography education. The Texas Alliance empowers a diverse community of education professionals to work together as leaders to advocate and support geography education.

- Host professional development and networking meetings for K-12 educators,
- Develop and provide standards-based content and instructional materials for K-12 educators,
- Serve as a central point for distribution of geography education resources in Texas,
- Host webinars and summer institutes,
- Host a geography strand of professional development opportunities at the annual Texas Council for the Social Studies conference, and
- Support state and nationwide projects: Geography Bee, Geography Awareness Week, GIS Day, and National Geographic national initiatives such as the BioBlitz.

Current Members
The 2,400 members of the Texas Alliance are located across Texas. Over 100 teachers consultants are geography trained leaders who support geography education within their regions. Members receive first notice of professional development and teacher consultants serve as speakers and resource developers in support of the Texas Alliance staff.

Personnel
- A steering committee includes individuals with expertise in the K-12 education, geography education, nonprofit management, and business professionals. Teacher consultants assist with professional development and events.
- Staff: Alliance Coordinator: Dr. James F. Petersen and Program Director: Maggie Hutchins

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