

Alaska Association of Student Government
Youth Debates

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

Whereas, AASG hosted the 2002 Youth Gubernatorial Debate

Whereas, political engagement is a primary goal and objective of AASG

Whereas, the Youth Senatorial Debate 2004 promises to be an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about public office and about political issues

Whereas, public debates hosted by youth provide an excellent opportunity for candidates to connect with youth

Whereas, continued debates between candidates for public office hosted by youth would be beneficial to state of Alaska especially as an established tradition

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports political debates hosted and run by young people and would like to see such debates become a tradition in the state of Alaska.

Submitted by Nicholas Wells
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Government
Academic Standards

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government;

Whereas; AASG is an ASAA and school activity;

Whereas; all other sports and activities have a minimum academic standards required;

Whereas; AASG should be subjected to the same rules and regulations as everyone else;

Whereas; we have a responsibility to hold ourselves to the same standards being leaders in our schools;

Whereas; the Executive Board expressed their support for this resolution;

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government that AASG support requiring our participants to be subjected to the same Academic and eligibility standards as all other school sports and activities.

Submitted by Conor Daugharty
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Hygiene Within Schools

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government:

Whereas, healthy habits can protect both teachers and students from contracting and spreading germs at home, school, or work;

Whereas, simple actions, like covering your mouth and nose when you cough, or cleaning your hands with soap and hot water each time they use the lavatory, can stop germs and prevent illnesses and reduce sick days;

Whereas, multiple bacteria and viruses can live for up to two hours or more on surfaces such as table tops, cafeteria counters, desks, and door knobs;

Whereas, the sanitizing table tops after each class would further inhibit the spread of bacteria in classrooms;

Whereas, approximately 22 million days of school are missed collectively each year as a result of the common cold;

Whereas, this issue directly affects the level of education received by students;

Whereas, reminders such as signs or brochures are often vital in the decrease of spreading potentially harmful germs;

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports a program promoting the awareness of hygiene in our schools.

Submitted by Eva Risse and Angela Fricilone
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Government
Condom Distribution Act

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas; Alaska has the highest rate of STDs in the Nation;

Whereas; Alaska used to have the highest rate of teen pregnancy and now stands at 7th in the nation.

Whereas; Approximately 1 out of 7 Alaskans a year contract an STD, taking note that the infection rate may in fact be greater due to Viral STDs that could go undetected for years.

Whereas; In the last 7 years Alaska has consistently had one of the ten highest rates of infection for chlamydia

Whereas; the use of condoms has steadily decreased due to the erroneous idea that oral contraceptives and other birth control methods such as the patch provide protection from STDs.

Whereas; condoms are a proven form of protection from STDS.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government AASG endorses and supports that every community have condoms freely available for anyone in the community.

Submitted by Juneau Douglas High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Supporting Alaska Native Subsistence

Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

Whereas, for thousands of years rural Alaskans have survived because of their cultural way of life. rural Alaskans have hunted and gathered to meet nutritional, cultural and spiritual needs;

Whereas, the rural Alaskans recognize an inherent right to continue their cultural way of life which has been termed "subsistence" by Title VII of ANILCA;

Whereas, the "subsistence" issue has been the number one native problem statewide and has been wrongly understood by non-natives, due to cultural differences and the language used.

Whereas, the term "subsistence" is not able to define the complex village economic system it attempts to define.

Whereas, rural Alaskans hunting and gathering practices is a complex village economic system, and that this way of life brings an abundance of rich resources and lifestyle that has ensured survival and prosperity for rural Alaskans since time immortal;

Whereas, the future of rural Alaskans are endangered by federal and state actions regulations that are weakening and destroying "subsistence" way of life practiced for thousands of years; and

Whereas, many of our fellow high school students are Alaska Natives from rural areas and have known and lived this "subsistence" life; and

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports rural subsistence rights awareness and an increased understanding of Urban-Rural Awareness.

Be it further resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG will seek to educate student leaders about rural Alaskans Subsistence Rights.

Submitted by Nickolas wells
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Government
Physical Education Credit

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas, currently at Juneau Douglas High School only seniors and juniors may receive credit for participating in a school sport by logging enough hours and writing a short essay.

Whereas, sophomores and freshman spend just as much time participating in school activities as seniors and juniors.

Whereas, sophomores and freshmen put just as much effort into school sports as seniors and juniors.

Whereas, some sophomores and freshmen may prefer alternatives to regular physical education classes just like seniors and juniors.

Whereas, many sophomores and freshmen have tight schedules and would rather take a class other than physical education if they are already participating in a school sport.

Whereas, appeal for school sports will go down if students don't receive credit for all of the time and energy they put into school sports.

Whereas, appeal for school sports will go up if students know that they are getting credit for all of their hard work and commitments.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports sophomores and freshmen at Juneau Douglas High School, not just seniors and juniors, receiving credit for participating in a school sport.

Submitted by Juneau Douglas High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Increased PSAT Testing

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas, the PSAT prepares students for the SAT;

Whereas, there are multiple days to take the SAT and only one make up and test day for the PSAT;

Whereas, the PSAT can provide many great benefits such as merit scholarships and personal knowledge;

Whereas, students that are sick, out of town, or live in rural communities may miss their chance to take the PSAT because of limited test days;

Whereas, 11th and 12th graders take precedence over 9th and 10th graders when taking the PSAT, possibly prohibiting a 9th and 10th grader from taking the test because of limited amount of test;

Whereas, students that do not take the PSAT are at a disadvantage;

Whereas, there should be multiple testing dates for the PSAT to offer students fair and even chance in taking them;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Students Governments that AASG supports multiple testing days for the PSAT.

Submitted by Kelly Rossberg
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Student Fees

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

Whereas, it is required that students pay class fees before entering school;

Whereas, it is found that students with low income have hard time paying fees;

Whereas, many students pay more than fifty dollars for class fees;

Whereas, fees are forced;

Whereas, students aren't allowed to have a locker, yearbook, or even walk for graduation without fees paid;

Whereas, students have to pay fees for sports and classes and the expenses begin to build up;

Whereas, public school is supposed to be free;

Whereas, students could use fees for other purposes;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government that AASG supports the change in requirements for less or no student fees for required classes.

Submitted by Wasilla High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Government
3 Math Credits Required to Graduate High School

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of student Government;

Whereas, 2 math credits are currently required to graduate high school;

Whereas, it is found more math is needed to enter the workforce;

Whereas, math is essential to your well being;

Whereas, 3 math credits will raise Alaska's state-wide test scores;

Whereas, 3 math credits will help to bring up grades in other class;

Whereas, more knowledge in math will make it easier to accomplish things in life;

Whereas, taking a third math course will help you to pass the HSQE;

Whereas, school is designed to be a learning environment;

Therefore it be resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports the increase in the requirement of math credits to graduate high school.

Submitted by Wasilla High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Student Diversity and Anti-Harassment Panels

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas, peer pressure is recognized as a driving force in harassment among students;

Whereas, it has been shown that schools with a coordinated group of students dedicated to fighting harassment have fewer incidences of violence, depression, and suicide among the student body;

Whereas, the existence of the aforementioned groups has been shown to improve morale and acceptance of diversity among students;

Whereas, Alaska is a highly diverse state;

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government that AASG supports the creation of student panels designed to prevent harassment in all Alaska high schools.

Submitted by Jamie Hazlett, Wasilla High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
State-wide Weighted Grades for AP Course

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government;

Whereas, some schools in the state of Alaska choose not to recognize the weighted GPA scale for Advanced Placement courses (AP);

Whereas, many students may have the same credentials, grade, and course load of those in a different school district, but possess a different GPA;

Whereas, many local scholarships require a minimum GPA for eligibility;

Whereas, such schools that don't recognize weighted GPA's for AP courses put students at a disadvantage for scholarships;

Whereas, states including Arkansas, North Carolina, West Virginia, and California have mandated grade weighting for AP courses;

Whereas, the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) reports that 91 percent of schools calculate GPA, and of those schools 75 percent use some form of weighting;

Whereas, weighted grades provide incentive for students to take more rigorous courses;

Whereas, Valedictorian status can be deprived from students taking challenging courses;

Whereas, weighted GPA's would provide uniformity among students, consequently rewarding students excelling in AP courses for their achievements.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Students Government that AASG supports the implementation of a mandate for state-wide weighting of GPA for AP courses.

Submitted by Claire Lettow, Wasilla High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004

Alaska Association of Student Governments
Support for Designated Drivers

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments,

Whereas; teen drinking is a major issue in our society,

Whereas; anyone who drives under the influence of alcohol poses a deadly threat to themselves and others,

Whereas; teens who act as designated drivers show responsibility and integrity,

Whereas; currently, there is a law in place that makes teen drivers who are not intoxicated, but have intoxicated persons under the age of 21 in their vehicle, liable to have their licenses revoked,

Whereas; this law discourages teens from acting as designated drivers,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that teens who act as designated drivers and are not found in possession of illegal substances should not be penalized, and this law should be revoked.

Submitted by South Anchorage High School
Adopted by AASG
October 15, 2004