



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #11
Allowing Hats to be Worn at Chugiak High School
Submitted by: Chugiak High School
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

- 1. Whereas,** Chugiak High School does not allow students to wear hats at school;¹
- 2. Whereas,** the rule against hats was primarily created to combat cheating and hiding one's identity;
- 3. Whereas,** the previous issue of cheating with hats can be solved by a compromise in allowing teachers to decide when hats need to come off, i.e. during quizzes and tests;
- 4. Whereas,** Chugiak High School's population has decreased by 60%, thus hiding in large crowds is no longer a prevalent concern;
- 5. Whereas,** the school still enforces an outdated rule implemented by the staff;
- 6. Whereas,** the current staff should consider student voice and opinion in allowing student-led changes;
- 7. Whereas,** students are allowed the privilege of hats during spirit week and thus have not posed issues as stated in the past;
- 8. Whereas,** with proper guidelines, students should be given the opportunity to demonstrate that hats are not an issue; just like students are given the chance to show on specific spirit days the maturity and appropriateness in selecting attire and accessories;

9. **Whereas**, according to Dictionary.com, wearable accessories are by definition an item that can be added to one's original outfit to express individuality;
10. **Whereas**, part of Chugiak High School's goal in Capturing Kid's Hearts is to recognize students as individuals, including dress and trust that we will make mature decisions;³
11. **Whereas**, South High School, which is also in the Anchorage School District, allows hats to be worn;²
12. **Whereas**, former South High School Principal Mrs. Wendi Pondolfino stated "hats do not cause an issue in her building;" (2018)

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the allowance of hats to be worn throughout the school day at Chugiak High School at teacher discretion.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, we want AASG to send the approved resolution to the administrators of Chugiak High School.

Sources:

1. Chugiak High School. Student/Parent Handbook. Retrieved from <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XKLbrPNvuToFm9sdCytNdUL0wFyrGw9Z/view>
2. South High School. Student Decorum Overview. Retrieved from <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4763>
3. Flippen Group. Capturing Kid's Hearts. Retrieved from <https://flippengroup.com/capturing-kids-hearts/>

Passed unanimously by the 2019 Fall Conference GA at Palmer High School


