



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #18

Offering Elective Credit for Certain School-Administered Activities

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the General Assembly of the Fall 2019 Alaska Association of Student Governments conference support the addition of .25 elective credit to certain school administered activities within the Anchorage School District.

- 1. Whereas,** Many school activities are academically rigorous and require a large investment in time, on par with some elective courses;
- 2. Whereas,** According to the government run website Youth.gov, after school activities improve academic performance and classroom behavior, reduce drug use and crime, and encourage physical health and good dietary habits;
- 3. Whereas,** Many student activities look great on college transcripts, such as debate, and students are often rejected by colleges for not doing enough outside of school;
- 4. Whereas,** Students should be incentivised to join after school activities to learn new skills by offering elective credit;
- 5. Whereas,** Incentivising students to participate in school activities is in the best interests of both students and the administration;
- 6. Whereas,** Activities must meet certain requirements to qualify for an elective credit;

7. **Whereas**, The activity must directly pertain to Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Fine Arts, World Languages, Physical Education or Career Technology to earn credit;
8. **Whereas**, The activity must have at least 40 hours of participation, practice and/or competitions in a given season;
9. **Whereas**, An activity or program must prove to the ASD that it meets these requirements to be eligible to earn elective credit;
10. **Whereas**, A student must attend at least 80% of practices to qualify for elective credit;
11. **Whereas**, currently the ERHS DDF and ERHS robotics program would qualify for elective credit under this resolution;
12. **Whereas**, other activities could apply with the ASD to receive elective credit, if they meet the requirements;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports awarding .25 elective credit upon the completion of certain school administered activities in the Anchorage School District.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, will proceed to the Anchorage school board for discussion and implementation.

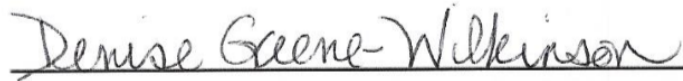
Sources:

- Asd Elective definition <https://www.asdk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=6630>
Benefits of after school activities <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/afterschool-programs/benefits-youth-families-and-communities>
More benefits of after school activities <https://www.mountainheightsacademy.org/why-extracurricular-activities-are-so-important/>

Passed by the 2019 Fall Conference GA at Palmer High School



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