



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #7

Permitting 8th Graders to attend AASG Conferences

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- 1. Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;**
- 2. Whereas,** research shows that there is difficulty experienced in the transition period from 8th Grade to 9th Grade;
- 3. Whereas,** a smooth transition into 9th Grade is crucial for succeeding for the remainder of your high school career;
- 4. Whereas,** research shows that 48% of students in the age group of 10-13 experience relational bullying, the most out of any other age group;
- 5. Whereas,** AASG can improve the school climate of attending schools;
- 6. Whereas,** AASG generates and nourishes present and prospective student leadership;
- 7. Whereas,** AASG evokes student initiative to enrich the lives of their friends, schools, community, and state by empowering students to produce solutions to prevalent matters;
- 8. Whereas,** 8th Graders from ASAA member schools are permitted to attend AASG, under Article 12 Section 2.E.3 of the AASA Bylaws if their given school is composed of less than 30 Students, or 15 or fewer per gender in grades 9-12;
- 9. Whereas,** The primary purpose of Article 12 Section 2.E.3 is to allow smaller schools the ability to fill their rosters if unable to with 9th-12th Graders in the activities of Basketball, volleyball, soccer, mix six volleyball team and/or Student Government;
- 10. Whereas,** Student Governments attending AASG do not have conventional roster systems that you would find with sports teams;
- 11. Whereas,** 8th Graders attending a small 1A School have the benefit of potentially attending AASG, as opposed to an 8th Grader from a 2A High School who is unable to attend simply because their school is too large relative to that of ASAA definitions;
- 12. Whereas,** Guidelines are already in place for 8th Graders participating in high school ASAA events, under Article 12 Section 2.E.4;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the AASG General Assembly formally supports ASAA reform of Article 12 Section 2.E.3 of their Bylaws, so that 8th Grade students of any ASAA high school are permitted to attend AASG Conferences at the discretion of the given school's Student Government, and the Executive Director of AASG.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following:

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Work Cited:

“ASAA Bylaws”

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/handbook/1718handbook/asaa/section/Bylaws.pdf>

“Child Trends Bullying Databank”

<https://www.childtrends.org/indicators/bullying/>

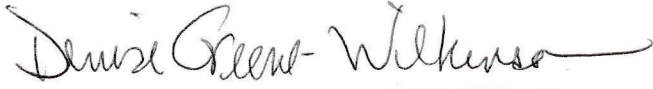
“Ensuring Successful Student Transitions from the Middle Grades to High School

<http://www.adlit.org/article/32116/b>

Passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Fall 2017 Conference.



Kyle Hasse, Vice President



Denise Greene-Wilkinson, Executive Director