



**Alaska Associations of Student Governments
Resolution 13**

**The Addition of a Uniform Policy of Due Process for Alleged (ASAA) TAD Violations
Submitted by: West Valley High School students Colin Lease, Tristan O'Donoghue
Sponsors: West Valley High School
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Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 1) **Whereas**, different policies for determining guilt for TAD violations exist in different school districts.
- 2) **Whereas**, most school drug use cases end up involving local law enforcement.
- 3) **Whereas**, high school administration is not currently qualified to serve as the investigator, judge, jury and prosecutor in cases of high school drug use taking place outside of school.
- 4) **Whereas**, school administration is given no specific guidelines for investigating students for outside of school TAD violations;
- 5) **Whereas**, Youth Courts and police departments exist as independent organizations capable of determining guilt in out-of-school TAD policy violations;
- 6) **Whereas**, tips from students or parents should not serve as primary probable cause for the commencement of an investigation on outside of school TAD violations;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that the following segment be added to the TAD agreement regarding the determination of guilt:

-Determination of guilt regarding TAD violations inside of school grounds or during school events shall be determined by a thorough investigation undertaken by either school administration or law enforcement.

-Determination of guilt regarding TAD violations outside of school grounds and not during school events shall be determined by direct photo/video evidence of consumption or a law enforcement or youth court determination of guilt.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, shall be forwarded to the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Student Representative for immediate transmission to the statewide ASAA board of directors.

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Passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Spring 2016 Conference



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