



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #7
0 Period Jazz Band Conflict
Submitted by Valdez High School, Written by Rylee Norris
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Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

1. **Whereas**, students at Valdez High School are able to take a 0 period course entitled “Jazz Band,”
2. **Whereas**, said course meets at 7:00 A.M., one hour before the normal start of school,
3. **Whereas**, Jazz Band is rated on a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) scale,
4. **Whereas**, various honors, or college-track courses, at Valdez High school are weighted and rated on a 5.0 GPA scale,
5. **Whereas**, students who achieve A’s in said college-track courses can gain a grade point average above a 4.0,
6. **Whereas**, adding an additional course that is only worth 4.0 on the GPA scale can lower students’ GPAs,
7. **Whereas**, Jazz Band lowers 20% of Jazz Band’s students’ GPAs.
8. **Whereas**, 67% of said students are competing for the valedictorian positions in their classes,
9. **Whereas**, Jazz Band lowers their GPAs enough to remove them from the top ten percent of their classes,
10. **Whereas**, disqualifying said students from the University of Alaska Scholars Award (“UA Scholars Program”),
11. **Whereas**, the UA Scholars Award scholarship provides \$12,000 (“UA Scholars Program”),
12. **Whereas**, taking Jazz Band has the potential to limit post-graduation opportunities,
13. **Whereas**, the remaining 80% of students enrolled in Jazz Band benefit from taking Jazz Band as an additional class on the 4.0 GPA scale,
14. **Whereas**, offering Jazz Band as an optional pass/fail course could still benefit the

majority of students while not harming the GPAs of students who achieve As in weighted classes,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that AASG supports giving students at Valdez High School the option to take Jazz Band as a class worth 4.0 on the GPA scale, or a pass/fail course that will not affect the students' GPAs.

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

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Work Cited

“UA Scholars Program.” University of Alaska. University of Alaska, n.d. Web. 04 Apr. 2016.

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