

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution 3 (Passes) A Resolution to allow students in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) to test out of a PE credit Submitted by Hutchison High School Student Council

- 1. Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;
- 2. Whereas, the present 1.5 credit requirement for physical education requires students to either participate in waivable sports or take an odd number of PE classes in order to graduate.
- **3.** Whereas, allowing students to have more control of how they achieve their graduation requirements aligns with the goal of personalized learning within the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- **4.** Whereas, despite a total of 397 students at Hutchison High School, there have only been 99 PE credit waivers submitted by all currently enrolled students.
- 5. Whereas, taking an odd number of PE classes forces students to either have a semester of an excused period to pair with the odd semester of PE or find a class that only lasts one semester.
- 6. Whereas, of the nearly 17% of students at Hutchison High School that have a free period, over half of them have not waived PE.
- 7. Whereas, students within the Anchorage School District already have the option to test out of their "Lifetime Personal Fitness" course by successfully completing a fitness and written test.
- 8. Whereas, completion of this test does not waive the physical education requirement entirely, and therefore still requires students to participate in some physical activity or class.
- **9.** Whereas, by waiving that odd semester of PE, students will have the opportunity to take another full semester class of their choice before they graduate.

10. Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that students within the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will be able to test out of a one-semester PE class.

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

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