

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution 6 (Passes)

The Transition to Productive Discipline in Alaskan School Districts
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Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 1) Whereas, school discipline serves as a unique opportunity to expose students to more rigorous requirements, community service, and the development of life skills.
- 2) Whereas, in current FNSBSD policy only drug related offenses result in mandatory community service.
- 3) Whereas, in FNSBSD, there is currently no Admin Policy restricting phone use in ISI, resulting in the possibility of students being forced to miss class while simultaneously able to use their cell phones for entertainment.
- **4) Whereas,** the current punishment for ASAA TAD violations is removal from participation in the violating student's sport or activity.
- 5) Whereas, removing a student's ability to participate in healthy activities, such as classroom learning and athletics makes them more likely to continue making unhealthy decisions.
- **6) Whereas,** it is completely feasible for school discipline to exist with the goal of exposing students to healthy activities, such as community service, school service, additional sports practices, or additional classwork.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the FNSBSD School Board revisit and revise admin regulation with following goal for school discipline:

-School discipline shall exist as a tool for exposing students to healthy activities, such as community service, additional class time, additional athletic practices, informational courses, and self reflection.

-School discipline shall not be permitted to hinder healthy social, athletic, and academic activities, and will be written to supplement or reinforce healthy activities.

Note: School discipline for major offenses such as expulsion, or discipline regarding students who pose a threat to other participants in activities, or who hinder the learning environment of other students shall not be altered by this policy.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, shall be forwarded to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board and Assistant Superintendent Kraska.

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Passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Spring 2017 Conference

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