



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution #12

Polaris K-12 School Dance Policy Changes

Submitted by: Polaris K-12

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that: Polaris K-12 will have the benefit of high school only dances other than prom, and middle school only dances.

1. **Whereas**, in the Polaris dance policy it states, “All dances will be open to grades 6-12, with the exception of prom, which will be open only to grades 9-12.”¹;
2. **Whereas**, the one high school only dance currently allowed at Polaris K-12 is prom¹;
3. **Whereas**, some Polaris K-12 high school students have expressed the want to have more dances that are high school only;
4. **Whereas**, a lot of Polaris high school students, mostly Seniors, do not attend the school dances as grades 6-12 are allowed;
5. **Whereas**, Polaris student government would like to see more high school attendance at dances;
6. **Whereas**, some of Polaris’ high school students have expressed discomfort with attending a dance with Middle Schoolers;
7. **Whereas**, a high school only dance would encourage more high school involvement in activities;
8. **Whereas**, The Anchorage School District (ASD) does not explicitly have any restrictions listed in their policy on music²;

9. **Whereas**, all 8 of the Big Anchorage High Schools do not have explicit restrictions written for music at school dances^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};
10. **Whereas**, the music at the Polaris dances are restricted due to the fact that 6th-8th grades are allowed to attend;
11. **Whereas**; 6th through 8th graders are generally less mature than high school students;
12. **Whereas**, the only way Polaris High Schoolers can go to high school only dances, excluding prom, are if they are invited by a student from another school;
13. **Whereas**, if High School only dances are permitted, then middle school only dances will be permitted;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments Polaris K-12 will have the benefit of high school only dances other than prom, and middle school only dances.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of AASG, the Polaris representatives will present the completed resolution to the Polaris General Assembly (PGA). (The Polaris General Assembly is Polaris's own version of AASG.) The resolution will then be taken by Dr. Tia Clay (Polaris K-12 principle) for review and consideration.

Sources:

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3. <https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/370/Service%2019-20%20Handbook%20-%20Final.pdf> (Service)
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5. <https://ak02207157.schoolwires.net/Page/10048> (Chugiak)
6. <https://www.asdk12.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&ModuleInstanceID=21273&ViewID=7b97f7ed-8e5e-4120-848f-a8b4987d588f&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=29040&PageID=13503> (West)
7. <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/4759> (South)
8. https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/3437/dimond_17-18_FIN_AL.pdf (Dimond)

9. <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/14253#:~:text=In%20an%20effort%20to%20provide,one%20o%20r%20more%20future%20dances>. (East)
10. <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/1966> (Eagle River)

Resolution passed with unanimous consent

**Passed by the Fall 2024 General Assembly of AASG hosted by
Delta Junction High School**

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