



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution #3

Additional Elective Credits for High School Students' Participation in Extracurricular

Fine Arts Programs and Clubs

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Be it resolved by the Eagle River High School Student Government that:

- 1. Whereas**, currently, in the Anchorage School District (ASD) a high school student (grades 9-12) is unable to earn elective credits through an extracurricular fine arts club or program;
- 2. Whereas**, there are currently nine programs that give high school students options to earn credits through Credit by Choice (CBC)¹ in the ASD Program of Studies which include:
 - a. Education Travel
 - b. Correspondence Course
 - c. College Course Work

- d. Early College Admissions Program
- e. Credit by Examination
- f. Community Service and Field Work
- g. High School Credit for Middle School Sources
- h. Basic Training Credit
- i. Physical Education Credit;

3. Whereas, a 10th program should be added to the CBC section the ASD Program of Studies titled “Fine Arts”;

4. Whereas, “Fine Arts” can be defined as “visual arts, dance, music, and theatre;”

5. Whereas, credit earned through a new CBC section called “Fine Arts” must occur through a specific and legitimate extracurricular fine arts program/club. Examples include:

- a. Local dance studios
- b. Community theater companies
- c. Youth symphonies
- d. Drama clubs;

6. Whereas, credit may only be earned by students who enroll in the specific and legitimate extracurricular fine arts program/club such as actors, dancers, musicians, stage crew, costume designers, make-up artists, production assistants, etc.;

7. Whereas, one hundred and twenty (120) hours of acceptable work towards the specific and legitimate extracurricular fine arts program/club will earn .5 units of acceptable elective credit;

8. Whereas, a maximum of 1.5 total elective credits would be earned through this option;

9. Whereas, the program approval process can occur at individual high schools and be approved by certified faculty & staff;

10. Whereas, every year, the Chugiak-Eagle River Drama Club (CER Drama Club) students spend 100+ hours out of the school day producing a play from September to November;

11. Whereas, every school year, CER Drama Club students spend 150+ hours outside of the school day producing a musical from November to February;

12. Whereas, every school year, the West High Fine Arts Program students spend 100+ hours outside of the school day on their dance, play and musical productions;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Eagle River High School Student Government that the Credit by Choice (CBC) section in the ASD High School Program of Studies be amended to include various fine arts programs and clubs as an option for high school students to accumulate elective credits towards graduation.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the Fall 2024 AASG General Assembly, will proceed to the Anchorage School District's Student Advisory Board and then the Anchorage School Board for further discussion and possible implementation.

Sources

1. *2024-25 Anchorage School District High School Program of Studies*. The Anchorage School District. (2024, July).
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Passed with unanimous consent

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

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