



**Alaska Association of Student Government
Resolution #10
Transparent Communication with ELL Programs Resolution
Sitka High School Student Council
April 20, 2024**

Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, Exit requirements for ELL Access testing is a 4.5 composite proficiency score (for tier B or C grades 1-12);³
2. **Whereas**, English learners when exited from EL (English Learner) status will enter a monitoring status;³
3. **Whereas**, Monitoring status lasts up to four year;³
4. **Whereas**, Access test can take up to 265 minutes total per test;¹
5. **Whereas**, Access testing occurs every second semester;³
6. **Whereas**, Access occurs in grades 1-12;²
7. **Whereas**, The Alaska Board of Education adopted the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards Frameworks Kindergarten – 12th Grade 2020 Edition;²
8. **Whereas**, Students in EL status will be assigned in classes with primarily English speaking peers;³
9. **Whereas**, Students in EL status will be assigned in appropriate class;
10. **Whereas**, When completing Access testing students are not informed of their progress or test scores;³
11. **Whereas**, Access testing occurs during a regular school day;³
12. **Whereas**, Students must fit a set of rules to be placed into EL status and Access testing;³

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports more policies to encourage transparent communication between the student and their parents with the student's ELL placement and status

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Sitka School Board for consideration

Sources:

1. ACCESS for ELLs | WIDA (wisc.edu)
2. English Learner Education & Title I II-A - Education and Early Development (alaska.gov)
3. Policy Manual (boardpolicyonline.com)

The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Spring 2024 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Barrow High School

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AASG Vice President, Danika Hamm

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre