

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #15

Allowing Hats at Eagle River High School

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

- 1. Whereas, the current ERHS dress code does not permit the use of hats, with the exception of religious or cultural headwear;
- **2. Whereas**, the following high schools within the Anchorage School District allow for the use of hats by teacher's discretion:
 - a. Bartlett High School
 - b. South High School
 - c. Dimond High School
 - d. Chugiak High School;
- **3.** Whereas, none of the schools listed above have seen an increase in referrals after hats were allowed;
- 4. Whereas, hats are defined as a head covering that do not cover face nor eyes;
- **5.** Whereas, wearing a hat does not affect a students learning ability;
- **6.** Whereas, permitting the use of hats allows for students to express themselves;
- **7.** Whereas, headdress and hats are part of religious values and beliefs therefore prohibiting one's expression of personal religious beliefs
- **8.** Whereas, a singular religious belief should not dictate what another student can wear;

- **9. Whereas,** prohibiting hats also lies in a traditional military value, when not every student is affiliated with the military;
- **10. Whereas,** the hats must abide by the current Eagle River Dress Code according to Section D-A-1 on the current handbook:
 - **a.** Clothing that promotes/contains/presents...
 - i. Gang affiliations;
 - ii. Violence;
 - iii. Discrimination or racism;
 - iv. Tobacco, drugs, alcohol or weapons;
 - v. Clothing that is revealing;
 - vi. Comments or designs that are obscene, lewd, or vulgar;
 - vii. A hazard to the student's safety or the safety of others;
 - **viii.** Clothing that causes distractions or inhibits the learning process;
 - ix. The Confederate flag;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that hats which follow the appropriate dress code guidelines be permitted for students to wear in the building of Eagle River High School (ERHS) per teacher discretion.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the Eagle River High School Student Government, will proceed to the ERHS leadership team and Mr. Healvey for implementation in ERHS.

Passed by the Spring 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Skagway High School

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