

**Resolution #16** 

Medically Accurate, Comprehensive Sexual Education Curriculums in Alaska Public Schools Submitted by Eagle River High School/Madison Arreola Submitted: April 24th, 2025

**Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that** any school districts with public high schools in Alaska that choose to teach sexual education will be required to use medically accurate, comprehensive sexual education curriculums.

- 1. Whereas, Alaska has no requirements for teaching sexual education<sup>1</sup>;
- Whereas, Alaska has no requirement regarding medically accurate sex education instruction;
- 3. Whereas, if a district chooses to teach sexual education, they are given complete discretion in choosing the curriculum;
- Whereas, sexual education curriculums in Alaska are not required to include instruction on consent<sup>1</sup>;

- Whereas, medically accurate, comprehensive sexual education would educate students on the well-being of their relationships, dating violence, sexualities, consent, contraceptives, pregnancies, and STIs;
- Whereas, nearly 30% of high school students report experiencing physical dating violence and 20% report experiencing sexual dating violence, both significantly higher than the national average<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas, Alaska has the highest rate of reported rape in the country, three times the national average<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas, Alaska is estimated to have the highest rate of child sexual assault in the country<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas, in 2018, fewer than half of Alaska's secondary schools taught students how to access valid and reliable information, products, and services related to STIs and pregnancy<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas, in 2019, over 40% of sexually active Alaska high school students reported they did not use a condom the last time they had sex<sup>2</sup>;
- 11. Whereas, Alaska has an alarming rate of STDs, ranking highest in the nation for chlamydia and second highest for gonorrhea<sup>2</sup>;
- 12. Whereas, Alaska young people ages 15-19 contract chlamydia at a rate more than three times the state average<sup>2</sup>;
- Whereas, over 90% of Alaskan voters agree that sex education should be medically accurate, age-appropriate, and should cover healthy relationships, consent, and communication skills<sup>3</sup>;

14. **Whereas,** regulated, medically accurate, comprehensive sexual education would take place in every curriculum that a high school uses to instruct sexual education to students;

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments,** that Alaska requires all public schools to use medically accurate, comprehensive sexual education curriculums when instructing the subject.

Action Statement: If passed by the Spring 2025 AASG General Assembly, this resolution will proceed to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Learning for further consideration and possible implementation.

## Sources

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Resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Spring 2025 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Sitka High School and Mt Edgecumbe High School

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