



**Alaska Association of Student Governments**

**Resolution # 3**

**Change to Credit Requirements for the Mat-Su School District**

**Submitted by: Palmer High School**

**10/27/22**

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

1. **Whereas**, the Mat-su School District requires 25.5 credits to graduate from high school;
2. **Whereas**, a student in the Mat-Su School District takes six classes per year, with every semester providing a half credit for each passed class;
3. **Whereas**, students are also required to take a seventh class for eight semesters, each semester providing .125 credits;
4. **Whereas**, a student cannot graduate from high school unless they take at least one online class;
5. **Whereas**, online classes increase stress levels of students, leading to a lower likelihood of graduating;
6. **Whereas**, students that fail a class do not have the opportunity to retake the class, except in a credit recovery class;
7. **Whereas**, credit recovery classes do not adequately teach students within the time frame of a quarter;
8. **Whereas**, credit Recovery is a Pass/Fail that will not boost a student's GPA;
9. **Whereas**, retaking the original failed class will give the opportunity for a higher grade as well as a better learning experience;

10. **Whereas**, students are also required to take at least one AP or IB class before graduating high school;
11. **Whereas**, AP/IB classes require a more rigorous course load, and therefore have a higher rate of failure;
12. **Whereas**, adding more credits to graduate can only lower the graduation rate rather than create a more thorough high school experience;
13. **Whereas**, the state of Alaska only requires 21 credits to attain a high school diploma;
14. **Whereas**, Fairbanks North Star Borough School district requires 22.5 credits to attain a high school diploma;
15. **Whereas**, the Anchorage school district requires 22.5 credits to attain a high school diploma;
16. **Whereas**, the Lower Kuskokwim school district requires 22 credits to attain a high school diploma;

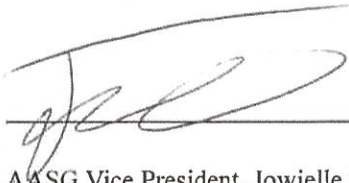
**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports changing the credit requirements needed to graduate from high school in the Mat-Su school district to 22.5 and no AP, IB, or Online Classes will be required.

**Action Statement:** If passed, by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will be brought before the Mat-Su Borough School Board for their consideration.

Sources:

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**Passed by the Fall 2022 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Wasilla High School**

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AASG Vice President, Jowielle Corpuz

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre

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