



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #8

Requirement of AP Seminar in MSBSD Curriculum

**Submitted by: Mat-Su Career & Technical High School Student Government
10/12/23**

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

1. **Whereas**, current graduation requirements within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District mandate 25.5 credits and the completion of AP Seminar for all students¹;
2. **Whereas**, English 1 and English 2, along with two English elective credits, are required for graduation¹;
3. **Whereas**, students may fulfill the requirement for English 1 or English 2 with AP Seminar¹;
4. **Whereas**, in the 2023-24 academic year, neither English 3 nor English 4 are offered within the scheduled school hours of Matanuska-Susitna Career and Technical High School, Wasilla High School, or Colony High School^{2,3,4};
5. **Whereas**, students who receive a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam may, upon request, have their grade for the course replaced with an 'A'⁵;
6. **Whereas**, a score of a 3 on an AP Exam corresponds to a B-, C+, or C grade in its corresponding college class⁶;
7. **Whereas**, 88% of AP Seminar students receive a score of 3 or higher on the exam⁷;
and
8. **Whereas**, as of November 2022, 70% of ninth grade students in Alaska tested as below proficient for their grade level in English Language Arts⁸;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments opposes the requirement of AP Seminar for graduation within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will be presented to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board.

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The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Fall 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by West Valley High School

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