



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #8
KHS Attendance Petitions
Submitted by: Nora Saltonstall Kodiak High School
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

- 1. Whereas,** in the Kodiak Island Borough School District if a student is absent for 15 or more class periods of a single class, in a semester, the student may lose credit for that class;^{1,2}
- 2. Whereas,** the student has the option to petition an attendance committee to retain credit/s up to two times, equivalent to two semesters, in their high school career;¹
- 3. Whereas,** a petition should explain the reasoning for the excessive absences and provide documentation if necessary;
- 4. Whereas,** the committee that reviews the petitions consists of an administrator, guidance counselor, and staff member/s;
- 5. Whereas,** in a semester, a student may submit one petition, whether it be for one class or multiple classes, that is considered use of one petition;
- 6. Whereas,** approximately 90 students petitioned for credit in the 2022 fall semester;³
- 7. Whereas,** off island travel is a part of living in Kodiak;
- 8. Whereas,** many students have opportunities for national competition in sports, need to participate in substance activities, have family events that require extended travel, plan college visits, require extended time for illness or health recovery, etc.;
- 9. Whereas,** it is likely that students will need more than two petitions;

10. **Whereas**, we acknowledge that attending class is critical to student success, however there are many off island opportunities that also enrich a student's education;
11. **Whereas**, if a student has attained a passing grade in a class, they are demonstrating competency and should have the opportunity to petition for credit despite absences;
12. **Whereas**, if a student does not have a passing grade, she/he will not retain credit despite submitting a petition;
13. **Whereas**, changing the petition limit from two to four would allow a student to take advantage of off island opportunities while retaining credit, assuming the student has earned a passing grade in the class;

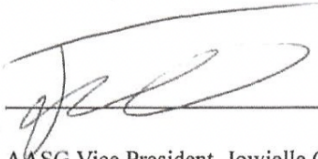
Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports Kodiak High School Administration to increase the number of attendance policy petitions from two to four.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will be presented to Kodiak High School Administration and Kodiak Island Borough School Board.


Sources:

1. Kodiak Island Borough School District Board Policy 5113 *Absences and Excuses*
2. Kodiak High School Handbook 2022/23 (p.9)
3. KHS Attendance Committee

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

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AASG Vice President, Jowielle Corpuz

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre