

Eagle River High School The Tracker

October 2011



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Important Dates

October 14, 2011
End of 1st Qtr-Inservice Day
No School

October 27, 2011
Parent-Teacher Conferences
11:45am-2:30pm
4:00pm-7:00pm
(School dismissed at 11:00am)

October 28, 2011
In-service Day-No School

November 6, 2011
Fall Back to Standard Time

November 24, 25, 2011
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 7, 2011
Orchestra Concert

December 8, 2011
Choir Concert

December 14, 2011
Finals 1, 2, 3

December 15, 2011
Finals 4, 5, 6

December 16, 2011
In-service-No School

December 19-January 2, 2012
Winter Break

January 3, 2012
2nd Semester Begins

Dear Eagle River High School Parents and Community,

Wow! Homecoming 2011 was a tour de force in positive school spirit. Thank you to everyone who contributed to bringing our home game home to our turf field and who worked to put together a truly positive event for our alumni, parents, athletes, and community. At one point during our varsity tackle football game, I stood at the north end of the field and took in the whole spirited scene. I can say I've never been prouder to be associated with Eagle River High School. It was wonderful to witness the fans packed together on our temporary bleachers, our band marching in uniform, our JROTC Saber Team honoring our Homecoming royalty, our cheer squad leading the crowd in spirited chorus, and our community out in full support of our teams who played throughout the day. Thank you to student government for organizing the half-time festivities and for putting together a great pre-game event. What a great day!

Believe it or not, we are quickly wrapping up the first academic quarter of the school year. October 13th is the last day of first quarter, and we will distribute report cards at our Fall parent conferences on October 27th. Conferences are a great opportunity to sit down one-on-one with each of your student's teachers for a brief update on his or her progress in that class. It's also a chance to ask questions and learn how you can best support your student in that content area. Between now and then, if you have any questions or concerns about your student's academic progress, please feel free to email the teacher directly or contact your son or daughter's counselor through our curriculum office at 742-2740.

Speaking of Academic progress, each year ASD schools are asked to identify three primary academic and/or school culture goals for the year. I've asked each of our curricular departments to discuss and propose potential goals, and parents, I want to invite your input as well. Please email me at lang_martin@asdk12.org with any suggestions you have for improving our school programs and climate. I really do value your voice in the conversation as we strive to build on our foundation of excellence at ERHS.

Finally, I want to recognize senior Sarah Frankl for being a Commended student in the 2012 Nation Merit Program. Sarah is one of 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the PSAT in their junior year. Congratulations Sarah! Additionally, I want to recognize Brandon King along with our girl's running team for securing a berth in the state cross-country meet this year. The girls are the first to qualify for state as a team in ERHS history. Way to go!

Sincerely,

Martin Lang, Principal



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Eagle River High School Mission Statement

COMMUNITY, EXCELLENCE, RESPECT





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CURRICULUM/COUNSELING INFORMATION

October 1st	SAT Test
October 4th	HSGQE Reading Retest (11th-12th)
October 5th	HSGQE Writing Retest (11th-12th)
October 6th	HSGQE Math Retest (11th-12th)
October 7th	ASVAB Test - Sign up in CRC
October 14th	In-service Day – End of 1st Quarter
October 16th	PSAT Test – 9-11th grade students (ERHS – 8:00 AM) Sign-up in the CRC - \$20
October 22nd	ACT Test
October 24th	College and Career Fair @ Denaina Center - Sign up in CRC



October 27th

ERHS Parent/Teacher Conferences

School Dismissed at 11:00am

1st Session Conferences 11:45am-2:30pm

Dinner Break 2:30pm-4:00pm

2nd Session Conferences 4:00pm-7:00pm

November 5th PLAN Test – 9-10th grade students (ERHS – 8:00 AM) Sign-up in the CRC - \$20
 SAT Test

November 17th WorkKeys Test – 11th Grade Students - Periods 1-3 at ERHS – State Mandated –

CURRICULUM/COUNSELING INFO(cont.)

HSGQE Retests – 11th and 12th grade students who have not passed a section of the HSGQE (Reading, Writing, and Math) will have the opportunity to retest on October 4th, 5th and 6th. Students who are new to the district and have never tested, will test on these 3 days as well. Students will be notified ahead of time where and when they test.

PSAT Test – The PSAT test or Pre-SAT test will be given at ERHS on Saturday, October 15th starting at 8:00. Students can sign-up with Mrs. Smith in the Career Resource Center. The cost is \$20 with checks made payable to ERHS. This test is open to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students with the focus being on 11th graders. 11th graders who score very well may qualify to become National Merit Scholars. Counselors made short informational presentations in 10th and 11th grade English classrooms the week of September 26th. More information about the PSAT can be found at <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

PLAN Test – The PLAN test or Pre-ACT test will be given at ERHS on Saturday, November 5th starting at 8:00. Students can sign-up with Mrs. Smith in the Career Resource Center. The cost is \$20 with checks made payable to ERHS. This test is open to 9th and 10th grade students with the focus being on 10th graders. More information about the PLAN can be found at <http://www.act.org/plan/>

WorkKeys Test – This State-mandated work/career readiness test will be given to all 11th graders on November 17th periods 1-3. Seniors may also sign up to test as well if they wish. More information and practice tests can be found at <http://www.act.org/workkeys>

After-School Credit Recovery Classes –After school credit recovery classes have started! These courses are for students who need to make up a class they have failed or never taken. Classes are available in English, History, Science and Math. Work Experience credit is also available for students who are currently employed. Please see your counselor for registration forms and more information.

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ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES - HIGHLIGHTS

742-2700 (automated line)
742-2720 (Attendance Office)

(Hint: Program these numbers into your cell phone)

- Your student will be **absent the entire day**: Please call, identify yourself and your student and the date of the absences.
- Your student will be **late**: Please call or send a note so they may be excused.
- Your student needs to leave early: Please call or send a note, identify yourself and your student and the time they will need to leave. They will be issued a "Blue Pass" so that they may leave class. Please do this as early as possible.
- Your student attends ERHS and KCC: Please contact both schools if the student will be absent.
KCC's number is 742-8900.

Students are not allowed to excuse their own absences, request their own blue passes or excuse their own tardies.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CLOTHING AND STUDENT DECORUM

ERHS students started the school year doing a good job following school rules for electronic devices, clothing and student decorum. Since that time some students have started to get too comfortable. A couple of reminders:

- No hats (or headgear) of ANY kind allowed at school. Student should leave these items at home, rather than risk confiscation by staff.
- Ladies tops and skirts must be appropriate for school. Low cut tops, displays of excessive cleavage, spaghetti straps, and strapless shirts are too revealing and not appropriate for the school environment. Additionally, skirts and shorts must be appropriate length for school. Students dressed inappropriately for school will be asked to change.
- No sagging or bagging of pants. Pants should completely cover the students bottom regardless of the length of the shirt.
- No cell phones or electronic devices during the school day (this includes hall passing)! Students may use their devices before and after school and during lunch, if used appropriately.
- No headphones at school. Students are not allowed to wear headphones during class or in the halls. Students may use electronic devices during lunch.

Thank you to our parents for working with their student on the importance of presenting a school appropriate look during the day.

STUDENT DRIVERS AND PARKING ON ERHS CAMPUS

Cars parked on ERHS campus must have a current parking permit. Vehicles, that do not display a parking permit, are subject to fines. Security staff are issuing parking fines on a regular basis... if you have not paid for a school parking permit please take care of this as soon as possible.

The speed limit on ERHS campus is 5 miles per hour. For the safety of students, staff and other drivers please assist us with driving the speed limit.

No driving allowed in the bus loading and unloading zone while buses are present.

Vehicle searches will take place throughout the school year.

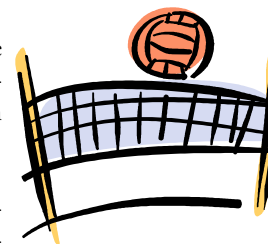
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- ERHS weight room is not open! Students wishing to work-out in the gym immediately after school may do so under the supervision of a staff member. Check the Activity Office for weight room times and dates.
- Students participating in after school sports, clubs or activities are expected to be under the direct supervision of a coach/advisor. Students must report to activities by 2:15 p.m. each afternoon. Students "hanging" out in the building after this time will receive discipline sanctions.

SPORTS and ACTIVITIES

Thank you to athletes, coaches and parents for a fantastic fall sports season. Tennis, football, flag football, cross country running are wrapping up their seasons with swim and dive and volleyball shortly thereafter.

Signup for winter sports has started. Please make sure to check the website for all necessary paperwork, fees and information on sports physicals.



A reminder to our freshmen athletes: Incoming freshmen are deemed eligible during the first quarter however all students are expected to maintain grades at the end of 1st quarter. Students who lose grade eligibility will be notified and pulled off of teams.



ERHS
Graduation
May 10, 2012
@ 7:00pm



GRAD BLAST
2012



Pre-planning Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2011
6:30 pm at Jitters

WHAT ALREADY? School just started! What's the rush? Well, from our past experience it is difficult and stressful to coordinate the grad blast event at the last minute. This event is sponsored by parents from both schools to provide a safe evening of celebration. The graduation date is scheduled on May 10th.

If you would like to be kept informed and/or participate join us.

Please pass this information on to other parents.

CONTACTS: Val Hall hallov@earthlink.com

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PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kathy Jesiel, Parent Volunteer Coordinator looks forward to your help with a variety of tasks throughout the year. Requests are sent via e-mail when help is needed.

Please send Kathy your e-mail address and it will be added to the Parent Volunteer e-mail list. Kathy Jesiel at kejiesel@hotmail.com or call 696-1617. Thank you.



Notes From The Nurse

The return to school signals a time when we see an increase in the numbers of individuals who become ill. This applies to both children and adults. As much as we want to have the children attend school, we want them to attend when they are well. You may

feel that your child has missed so much school time that you do not want them to miss anymore. However, children who arrive to school sick cannot stay, and you must come to the school to bring them back home.

Please give your child a last minute check-up before he or she leaves for school each morning. The child with a fever should not come to school until the temperature is normal for 24 hours. School and health personnel keep a constant watch on your child's health during the day. When a student shows signs or symptoms of illness or unusual behavior, they are referred to the health office. If your child needs further attention, you will be notified. Here are some rules to follow in certain communicable diseases. These rules are for the protection of your child and other students in his/her class.

Streptococcal Sore Throats/Scarlet Fever: Child should be treated by a health care provider and may not attend school until he/she is under treatment and without fever for 24 hours.

Virus, Sore Throats, Colds, Diarrhea, Vomiting: Child must be able to participate in all school activities, and should not be tired or listless. Temperature must be normal for 24 hours before they can return to school.

Infectious Rashes, Ringworm, Impetigo, and Scabies: Student is excluded from school until they are under an effective treatment (medication) and no longer considered contagious.

We are here to provide excellence in health services for your child. It is extremely important for our health office to have on file an emergency telephone number where you can be reached. The emergency information should also contain the number of a relative, friend, or neighbor who can assume parental responsibility when you are not available. In the event of a serious illness or injury, your child will be transported to the nearest hospital emergency room. ***Please call and speak with your child's school nurse if you have any questions about this policy, or need assistance.

Megan Charles
 742-2750

AFJROTC Visits JBER and Completes Headquarters Inspection

By Cadets Ricky Ayala and Michael McGuffin

On 24 September, approximately 90 Eagle River H.S. AFJROTC cadets visited the Elmendorf side of Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER). The cadets were exposed to a variety of areas to include the security forces K-9 working dog unit, the Air Control Tower, the Fire Department Training Center, the Aerial Delivery Tour/Tunner Loader Demo, as well as an F-22 and C-17 static display.

The K-9 unit is home to several extremely talented canines capable of sniffing out bombs or drugs. The dogs also protect their handlers, especially during an apprehension. Cadets were given the opportunity to be attacked by one of the dogs, with protection of course, and were amazed at how well trained these animals are. We were told when a dog retires at age 10, it would be worth approximately \$80K. Wow!

The Aerial Delivery Tour/Tunner Loader Demo showed cadets how supplies are distributed to remote places. Airmen pack parachutes that allow food and supplies to float down to the earth safely from high above. This operation is critical to those serving in remote locations overseas or in Alaska.

The Fire Department, Air Control Tower, and F-22/C-17 static displays were enjoyed by all. It's not very often cadets get to put out a "fire", climb about 100 stairs to get into the Air Control Tower, talk to real-world F-22 pilots, and eat an MRE lunch on a C-17 all in one day! It was an awesome field trip.

After the field trip, cadets ate a great meal at the Gold Rush Inn on Ft. Richardson before holding a lock-in at the Youth Center. The lock-in gave our 121 cadets a chance to get to know each other on a personal level. Cadets played games, ate junk food, drank too many sodas, and tried to stay awake all night. A good time was had by all.



Overall this field trip for the cadets had them realize that the world is a big place with a bunch of opportunities that are ready for the taking. "This annual field trip allows us to expand our horizons and gives all of us have an opportunity that many don't have," stated Cadet Ricky Ayala.

Next on the agenda for the cadets of AK-20061 was the headquarters AFJROTC inspection, held once every three years. The cadets worked hard preparing for this, held on Monday, October 3rd. The two inspectors looked at the entire AFJROTC program, from cadet customs and courtesies, to uniform appearance, and most importantly, the cadet leadership briefing. The senior leadership prepared their briefing highlighting accomplishments over the past year, their corps goals for this year, and individual flight commander accomplishments and goals.

The inspectors also got to see the entire second year cadet drill formation. The second year cadets are evaluated on their ability to accomplish a 30-step drill sequence—their evaluation went very well, and their preparation was obvious. After the drill evaluation, the inspectors answered questions from the cadets and then presented AFJROTC Top Performer Awards to Cadets Jacob Mooty and Scout Warners. The inspectors left Eagle

River High School with many compliments for the cadets, the AFJROTC program, and for the school in general. The official results of the inspection are still being finalized, and will be announced at a later date. More to follow then!

ERHS Student Government would like to extend their gratitude to all parents, the Booster Club, and Staff Volunteers for helping



create the best homecoming ever!

KING CAREER CENTER TOURS
6:00pm Tuesdays

What: King Career Center Guided Tours and Information Session

When: 6:00 pm-Tuesdays of each month throughout the school year

Where: King Career Center main office is where the tour will start

Why: Learn about KCC classes and exciting career opportunities

Contact: 742-8900 for more information

Homecoming
Float Results

1st place – Class of 2013

2nd place – Class of 2014

3rd place – Class of 2012

4th place – Class of 2015



ERHS HOMECOMING 2011



It's the Fall Carnival and Silent Auction, Charlie Brown!

The Fall Carnival is back and that means a haunted house, silent auction, food, games, and more!



When: October 21st

Time: 6-10pm

Where: Eagle River High School

**Come join the fun with your family and
friends!**



2011-12 EAGLE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Practice Begins</u>
Riflery	September 12
Bowling	October 3
Hockey	October 17
Wrestling	October 31
Nordic Skiing	October 31
Basketball	November 28
Basketball Cheer	November 28

Bring the following: (All forms available on the ERHS website)

- 1) 2011-12 High School Athletic/Activity Participation Form signed by student & parent/guardian
- 2) ASD Health Examination Form signed by doctor, student & parent/guardian
- 3) TAD/Play for Keeps Acknowledgement Form signed by student & parent/ guardian (Watch video at ASAA.org)
- 4) Concussion Fact Sheet/Parent Acknowledgement for sports activities only (signed by student & parent/guardian)
- 5) ImPACT Baseline Screening
- 6) Cash or check payable to ERHS

Activity fees are: \$5 concussion baseline fee is required for all sports (no waiver) plus \$175 per activity - tennis, cross country running, cheerleading, track and field, drama debate/forensics
\$185 per activity - flag football, volleyball, cross country skiing, football, wrestling, basketball, riflery, soccer

\$195 per activity - gymnastics, swimming and diving, hockey

The activity fees are required unless:

A student applies for and receives a fee waiver based on hardship through the school activity office or a family meets the \$390 cap* for middle or high school activity fees.

Please note: Baseball, softball and bowling are not sponsored by ASD so separate fees must be paid to the individual sponsor. These fees do not count toward ASD's family cap.

Web Site: www.eagleriverhighschool.com, **Activities drop down box to Sports.**

- Athletes must be enrolled in at least 5 ASD classes to participate in sports
- 4th qtr/2nd sem. grades will be verified for: 2.0 GPA minimum & 5 classes passed; (this rule does not apply to incoming 9th graders until the end of 1st qtr.)
- Seniors who are on track to graduate (have passed all HSGQE exams and have at least 18.5 credits) may enroll in 4 classes and still be eligible.

You must complete the eligibility process with the Activities Office **before you are allowed to begin practice with any team.**

For more information call: Colleen Deese, Activities Clerk 742-2730

**Eagle River High School
END OF ACTIVITY SURVEY**

Parent _____ Player _____ (mark one) Date _____

SPORT/ACTIVITY _____ LEVEL (circle) C JV V N/A

COACH'S NAME _____

Please rate the coach in each area on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. Circle the appropriate number or NA if not applicable or if you are not able to rate the coach in an area.

1) Communication with parents	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2) Communication with players	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3) Organizational skills	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4) Motivation of players/team	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5) Discipline of team/players	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
6) Knowledge of the sport/activity	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7) Prevention and care of injuries	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
8) Attitude/conduct during contests	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9) Attitude/conduct during practice	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
10) Ability to teach skills	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
11) Overall rating of coach	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

Please add any comments below or on a separate piece of paper:

RETURN THIS FORM TO ACTIVITIES OFFICE.

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Fax (907) 742-2783**

Visit the CRC website for more information and a look ahead

Career Resource Center

October Opportunities

→ DON'T FORGET!

...to check the grade level bulletin boards outside the CRC each week. You will find updated materials for programs/events/field trips/and scholarships. These opportunities are for all students.

Important DATE!

Career Resource Center Contact

Career Resource Advisor

Cathy Smith

742-2752

smith_catherine@asdk12.org

Website: www.eagleriverhighschool.com

College & Career Fair

When: Sunday, Oct. 23rd

Where: Dena'ina Convention Center

Time: 2 – 7 pm

Who: Everyone's welcome

Why: To speak with representatives from numerous colleges from around the country

*We will be attending as a school on Mon. Oct. 24th
(requires a permission slip)

For more information contact the Career Resource Center.

MEMO

SAT & ACT

- Recommendation: Register for 1-SAT and 1-ACT second semester of your junior year
- Repeat the test(s) when you are a senior if you do not like your score(s)
- ERHS code is **020368**
- SAT test is given at Service High School. Alternate site may be available i.e. Palmer or Colony HS
- ACT test is given at Hanshaw Middle School. Alternate site is UAA
- Internet site registration requires a credit card
- SAT – www.collegeboard.com
- ACT – www.act.org
- Registration packets & fee waivers are available in the CRC for mailing

Upcoming events...

- *Oct 1 – SAT Test
- *Oct 7 – ASVAB Test 7:30 in ROTC classroom
- *Oct 15 – PSAT Test @ ERHS
- Oct 17 – Mayville College at lunch in the Commons
- *Oct 18 – Eastern Oregon University 1st hour in the CRC
- *Oct 18 – Montana State University 2nd hour in the CRC
- *Oct 20 – Willamette University 5th hour in the CRC
- *Oct 21 – ASVAB interpretation 5th hour in ROTC room
- Oct 22 – ACT Test
- *Oct 24 – College/Career Fair 1st-4th at Dena'ina Center
- *Oct 25 – Washington State Univ. 4th hour in the CRC
- *Oct 25 – University of Colorado-Denver 8:30 in the CRC
- *Oct 26 – Ft. Lewis College 3rd hour in the CRC

*Must sign up in the CRC to attend!

2011 ANCHORAGE COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2011

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration and exhibit set-up available for College Fair Exhibitors. Check-in/Registration table located at the 8th Avenue back entrance (loading dock area) of Dena'ina Convention Center.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Workshops – Financial Aid (How to Get Started); Scholarships (How to Find Them). College Admissions Process. Parents of high school students will find these afternoon sessions especially beneficial and are strongly urged to attend.

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fair in Session in Tikahtnu Ballroom. Participants include local and rural high school students and the general public.

MONDAY – OCTOBER 24, 2011

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fair in session in Tikahtnu Ballroom. Participants include local and rural high school students and the general public.



Attention Eagle River High Students and Parents

Tech Prep offers students the opportunity to obtain dual credits through UAA. Students enrolled in **Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), Nutrition/Food Prep, Keyboarding or Computer Operating Systems**, may be eligible to register for UAA credit.

Things you need to know:

- **Tech Prep** courses are pre-approved and meet UAA curriculum standards.
- UAA credits through the **Tech Prep** program are \$25.00 each (as opposed to \$154 each once you graduate and go on to UAA)
- Scholarships are available for qualifying students
- You must sign up while in your CTE class
- Your grade will go on your UAA transcript
- Credits do not expire and they are transferrable to most other colleges and universities



Tech Prep
UNIVERSITY *of* ALASKA ANCHORAGE

For more information visit us online at www.uaa.alaska.edu/ctc/programs/services/techprep or contact a UAA Tech Prep representative.

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Thank You ERHS School Business Partnerships!



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Eagle River Area Rotary Club

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School Safety



Anchorage School District



Airsoft guns

Airsoft guns are replica firearms that propel plastic or rubber pellets, such as BBs, by way of compressed gas, electric motors or spring-driven pistons. Electric airsoft guns are the most widely distributed form of replica firearm in the world. Unlike a spring-based gun, the electric model runs on a rechargeable battery and can fully support automatic fire.

Physical and social threats

The most common types of injuries caused by airsoft guns are welts and eye injuries. Physical injuries aside, the biggest concerns associated with these weapons are their uncanny resemblance to real firearms. Airsoft guns have all the same markings, weight and length of real guns. “The real danger is the fear they cause; you can’t tell the different between an airsoft and a real gun,” said Gardner Cobb, ASD Director of Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Airsoft guns can cause great fear and concern when carried or wielded in public. Brandishing or imitating violent acts with an airsoft gun can be considered illegal. In Alaska, it can constitute misdemeanor assault in the fourth degree. There have been situations, including here in Anchorage, where airsoft guns have been mistaken for real guns.

Prohibited on school grounds

Carrying or having an airsoft gun on school property or in the vicinity of a school-sponsored event is strictly prohibited per Anchorage School Board policy falling under the weapons and firearms category of the student rights and responsibilities handbook.

Parents are encouraged to discuss this important issue with their children and make them clear of the dangers and consequences of taking any weapon, or replica weapon, to school or any public place.

Airsoft guns can easily be mistaken for real guns because many replicas have the same markings as real firearms. Part of the weapon’s popularity comes from how real it looks. To the naked eye, it can be nearly impossible to differentiate between an airsoft gun and its real counterpart.

Airsoft guns are not allowed in ASD schools. Students found with airsoft guns on school grounds or school-sponsored events will face disciplinary action.



Airsoft Glock Handgun



Real Glock Handgun