



# Polaris General Assembly

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## **What is Polaris General Assembly?**

Polaris General Assembly (PGA) is open to all members of the student body, with representation from all Advisories. Student resolutions are presented, debated, discussed and voted on by the entire body. Student representatives are referred to as delegates.

## **What is the responsibility of a delegate?**

Delegates should be prepared to pre-read and thoughtfully consider and discuss proposed resolutions and work cooperatively within their Advisory delegation.

## **What is an Advisory delegation?**

Each Advisory is represented by a delegation of students choosing to participate. Each advisory is represented by one vote. There is no limit as to how many delegates may attend. Advisory delegations work in collaboration with their region.

## **What is a region?**

A region is made up of delegates from three predetermined advisories. Regions allow smaller groups to meet during PGA to discuss resolutions.

## **How does voting happen?**

Voting and all other proceedings are conducted under Robert's Rules of Order. Each Advisory will need to bring their placard in order to approach the mic and vote on resolutions.

## **What is a resolution?**

A resolution is a motion to take a certain action or express a certain view. It is a means to amplify student voices and gather consensus. An effective resolution is one that conveys a sense of the issue or problem that led to the proposed action, provides an explanation or justification for the particular proposed solution, and makes it absolutely clear what delegates are voting on. A resolution is not a change in bylaws or policy, but could result in such action. The ultimate purpose is to advance the common good and effect positive change. After a resolution is submitted, it will be posted and students will be notified in order to begin conversation.

## **How do I write a resolution?**

Please visit [polaris.asdk12.org](https://polaris.asdk12.org) --> FOR STUDENTS --> Operational Group --> [Resolutions & General Assembly](#) for resources, including a video tutorial, template, previous resolution examples, and to submit your final resolution. Any Operational Board Member is willing to assist. Resolutions can be written by any individual student or student group. After a resolution is submitted, it will be posted and students will be notified in order to begin conversation.

## **How can I get further assistance with writing a resolution?**

Resolution authors are invited to attend a resolution review with Operational Group Board Members, before or after submission. This review is an unbiased workshop-style opportunity to revise resolutions for accuracy and clarity and receive feedback from experienced delegates. Authors may revise and resubmit, based on peer feedback, prior to a final presentation at Polaris General Assembly. *Final resolutions must be submitted 24 hours prior to Polaris General Assembly.*

## **What happens if a resolution passes?**

If a resolution is passed at PGA, the author will follow through with the action statements and/or initiate a resolution action committee to work with the appropriate individuals or groups to enact change and/or create policy.

## **What happens if a resolution fails to pass?**

If a resolution fails to pass at PGA, the authors are encouraged to consider feedback and are invited to resubmit a revised resolution.