



Resolution # 31

Polaris K-12 School Dance Policy Changes

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Date

Be it resolved by Operational Group, Polaris K-12 will have the benefit of high school only dances other than prom, and middle school only dances.

1. **Whereas,** in the Polaris dance policy it states, “All dances will be open to grades 6-12, with the exception of prom, which will be open only to grades 9-12.”¹;
2. **Whereas,** the one high school only dance currently allowed at Polaris K-12 is prom¹;
3. **Whereas,** some Polaris K-12 high school students have expressed the want to have more dances that are high school only;
4. **Whereas,** a lot of Polaris high school students, mostly Seniors, do not attend the school dances as grades 6-12 are allowed;
5. **Whereas,** Polaris student government would like to see more high school attendance at dances;
6. **Whereas,** some of Polaris’ high school students have expressed discomfort with attending a dance with Middle Schoolers;
7. **Whereas,** a high school only dance would encourage more high school involvement in activities;
8. **Whereas,** The Anchorage School District (ASD) does not explicitly have any restrictions listed in their policy on music²;
9. **Whereas,** all 8 of the Big Anchorage High Schools do not have explicit restrictions written for music at school dances^{3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};
10. **Whereas,** the music at the Polaris dances are restricted due to the fact that 6th-8th grades are allowed to attend;
11. **Whereas;** 6th through 8th graders are generally less mature than high school students;
12. **Whereas,** the only way Polaris High Schoolers can go to high school only dances, excluding prom, are if they are invited by a student from another school;
13. **Whereas,** if High School only dances are permitted, then middle school only dances will be permitted;

14. **Whereas**, Alaska Association of Student Government (AASG) supports this resolution with unanimous consent.

15. **Whereas**, dance hosts get to choose whether they would like for a High School only dance and/or a middle school only dance, or a 6-12 dance;

Therefore, be it resolved by Operational Group, Polaris K-12 will have the benefit of high school only dances other than prom, and middle school only dances.

Action Statement: If passed by the Polaris General Assembly (PGA), the resolution will then be taken by Dr. Tia Clay (Polaris K-12 principle) for review and consideration.

Sources:

1. <https://www.asdk12.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=21090&dataid=28678&FileName=Polaris%20Dance%20Policy%20Rev%203.pdf> (Polaris)
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3. <https://www.asdk12.org/cms/lib/AK02207157/Centricity/Domain/370/Service%2019-20%20Handbook%20-%20Final.pdf> (Service)
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10. <https://www.asdk12.org/domain/1966> (Eagle River)