



# ASD STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

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## **Resolution 2023-07: ASD Transfer Student's GPA/Class Rank**

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***Be it resolved by the Eagle River High School Student Government*** that the Anchorage School District creates a consistent academic Grade Point Average/Class Rank policy for transfer students.

- 1) Whereas**, currently in the Anchorage School District (ASD) there is no policy for Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Rank status regarding weighting for transfer students (defined below).
  - Grade Point Average: The sum of all your course grades throughout your high school career divided by the total number of credits. Most high schools report grades on a 4.0 scale.
  - Class Rank: A measure of how a student's performance compares to other students in their class.
  - Transfer Student: A student from outside of a school district moving into another district.
- 2) Whereas**, this resolution's intent is strictly towards asking ASD to write a policy themselves to provide the entire district a clear transfer student based policy on Grade Point Average and Class Rank, not to write the policy itself in this resolution.
- 3) Whereas**, two counselors at Eagle River High School (ERHS) have stated that a policy needs to be written to clarify ASD's weighting requirements for out of district transfer students.
- 4) Whereas**, no written policies about GPA weighting towards transfer students exist at other school districts such as Mat-Su School District, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, suggesting that ASD should start now.
- 5) Whereas**, with no policy in place for transfer student's GPA and class rank there is confusion among various counselors and one-off schools.

- 6) **Whereas**, without a set policy for transfer student's GPA and class rank, both transfer students and long term ASD students are subject to possible inequitable decisions towards finalized grades and weighting.
- 7) **Whereas**, transfer student's GPA and class rank status is a very apparent issue to tackle as Eagle River High School along with many other ASD schools have extremely high military populations that bring along many transfer students.
- 8) **Whereas**, a school district should be able to prioritize a clear standard of weighing requirements for grades for its own students to work off of, rather than another school districts' standards.
- 9) **Whereas**, a set policy for a transfer student's GPA and class rank will create a clear message to transfer students letting them know what to expect when moving into ASD schools.

**Action Statement:** This resolution if passed by ASD SAB will proceed to the ASD School Board for further discussion and consideration.

#### **Works Cited:**

**Anchorage School District:** <https://www.asdk12.org/>

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District:** <https://www.k12northstar.org/>

**Mat-Su School District:** <https://www.matsuk12.us/>

**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District:** <https://kpbsd.org/>