

Platform I Mentoring Programs

Chairs: Eric Inman Wind River
Katie Junge Kelly Walsh
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Whereas

- mentoring programs create a closer sense of community within a school
- and whereas both freshmen or sophomores and seniors benefit from mentoring programs
- and whereas success in high school is dramatically influenced by connections formed with other students
- and whereas increased student involvement provides for a more comfortable school environment breaking down barriers for younger students and providing purpose for older students

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils actively promote mentoring programs in their schools which include, but are not limited to:
homeroom settings with heterogeneous grade groupings
programs such as Link Crew or CAN (Change Attitudes Now)
tutoring by seniors for freshmen and sophomores
social events and/or field trips for incoming freshmen or between schools that cross the grade levels

Platform II Literacy

Chairs: Caitlin Anderle Rock River
Sarah Hinckley Evanston
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Whereas

- reading is a life-long, paramount skill
- and whereas reading ability has a direct correlation to higher test scores
- and whereas reading allows for exposure to culture beyond common experience
- and whereas reading impacts our society and the continuation of democracy

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils actively promote literacy in their schools and communities which include, but are not limited to:
providing reading time and rewards to younger children;
being role models within their own schools by participating in book talks and reading time;
assisting with book selection;
promoting reading programs such as book lock-ins, commercial programs like Book It;
assist visually impaired students to help them be proficient in reading;
place posters in the community to promote reading;
sponsor or assist with family reading nights.

Platform III Green Schools

Chair: Kaylee Burnett Farson-Eden
Kayla Matlock Torrington
Susie Button Newcastle

Whereas

- the need for recycling and reduced energy consumption is a problem facing our nation and is not fully promoted in Wyoming schools
- and whereas paper waste from schools is an ongoing issue
- and whereas students and teachers should be encouraged to be smart energy consumers
- and electricity is wasted when computers and lights are left on
- and whereas opportunities for recycling do not exist in all Wyoming communities

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils will actively promote “green programs” which include but are not limited to:

- supplying and maintaining recycling bins for plastic, cans, and paper
- placing stickers and posted by lights and computers reminding users to turn them off
- informing the public about responsible disposal of electronics (computers, cell phones, printers, etc)
- participate in clean-up projects in their schools and communities
- posting reminders throughout the school reminding students and staff of the recycling and green options available for them to use
- recommending carpooling options
- approaching school boards and administration with green initiatives
- approaching city councils with requests for more recycling options.

Platform IV Wellness

Chair: Jerrei Grunder Farson-Eden
Victoria Anderson East

Whereas

- healthy living is becoming more essential to Americans
- and whereas 16 to 33 % of children and adolescents in Wyoming are obese
- and teenage girls who are obese run a three-fold greater risk of premature death in middle age
- and whereas students need to be aware of harmful effects of commercial products such as energy drinks which may contain over 250 mg of caffeine per serving
- and whereas elementary students are less informed about nutrition and healthy living
- and whereas we as student leaders have an obligation to promote healthier lifestyles

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils will actively promote wellness programs which include but are not limited to:

- sponsoring fitness weeks or field days for K-12 students and parents
- posting information in the school regarding good health vs bad health habits
- participating in charities that promote fitness such as Jump Rope for Heart and Relay for Life
- recommending that water and juices replace soda in vending machines
- working with elementary children by providing informational programs
- cooperating with administration to provide rewards for participating in health related programs such as walking and biking,
- encouraging better participation in physical education classes and more variety in classes that promote healthy lifestyles
- mentoring younger children in making healthy choices

Platform V Where Do You Draw the Line Program

Chair: Jammie Garcia Rawlins

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Whereas

- Two-thirds of teenagers have made bad decisions (The Century Council)
- and whereas 75% of teenagers have tried alcohol (Health)
- and whereas alcohol related accidents in Wyoming occur double the US average (Wyoming Department of Health)
- and whereas 79% of unintended pregnancies occur under the age of 19 (National Women's Law Center)
- and whereas one in six Wyoming high school students make suicidal plans (Wyoming Department of Health)
- and whereas 1.5 million women in the United States are assaulted by their intimate partners every year (Wyoming Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault)
- and whereas One in four high school students drop out (Associated Press)
- and whereas the program is promoted by the Wyoming Department of Transportation; WHSAA, the University of Wyoming, MADD and other recognized agencies
- and whereas the Where Do You Draw the Line Program focuses on, but is not limited to,
 - drug use and abuse
 - smoking and tobacco
 - underage drinking
 - drinking and driving
 - bullying
 - eating disorders
 - peer pressure

and other self destructive behaviors

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils will actively promote the Where Do You Draw the Line program which include, but are not limited to:

- encouraging school administration to promote the program within their schools
- promoting the program within their student bodies
- assisting with public awareness of the program through community activities
- bringing the program to middle school and junior high aged children
- writing letters of support to the State of Wyoming to continue support of this program

Platform VI Safe Driving

Chair: Chris Dugger Douglas

Taylor Padilla Kelly Walsh

Sam Brinkerhoff Worland

Whereas

- Wyoming has 42.6% teen-driving fatalities per 100,000, which is the highest of any state
- and whereas statistics show that younger drivers are more likely to engage in risk-taking behavior while driving and they lack the experience to handle the complexities of driving
- and whereas the first year for a newly licensed teenage driver is the most dangerous with more than one in five involved in crashes
- and whereas exceeding the posted speed limit or driving at an unsafe speed is the most common error in fatal teenage accidents
- and whereas two of every three persons killed in a teen-driver crash are persons other than the teen driver
- and whereas with practice, teen drivers in Wyoming can become safer drivers
- and whereas teens must be reminded regularly of the need for safe driving practices

therefore be it resolved that member schools of the Wyoming Association of Student Councils will actively promote safe driving programs for all students which include, but are not limited to:

- involving the SRO (School Resource Officer) in presentations at student assemblies to raise awareness
- sponsoring/ participating in ghost outs
- providing “Reality Check” which uses a demolished car displayed on school grounds
- checking for and rewarding seat belt use
- distributing reminders stickers
- communicating with administration about new parking lot regulations which may include warnings, contracts, detentions, and loss of parking privilege
- Sponsoring safe driving assemblies that are not related to drinking
- sponsoring the “Alive at 25” presentation by the Wyoming Highway Patrol