

Wahkiakum High School



Home of the Mules

Today's decisions create tomorrow's successes!

Students will graduate from Wahkiakum High School with the tools and skills necessary to persevere in their pursuit of a successful life.

Being Different, Belonging Together

February 3, 2017

Report Cards

Your student's first semester report card is enclosed. Semester grades go on your child's transcript and any failed classes must be made up. Transcripts are critical to college and career success. Successfully completing classes and doing the things required to graduate show dedication, perseverance and the ability to finish what is started. Congratulations to students for a successful first half of the school year! If your student is struggling and didn't do as well as hoped, please take time to schedule a meeting with me or your student's teachers. We are here to support students and want to see them succeed.

Mule Success Time

At WHS we have Mule Success, which is a 28 minute period four days a week occurring between 2nd and 3rd period. All students are required to attend and will receive .25 credit and a pass/fail grade for this class at the end of the year. During Mule Success, students with successful grades have flex time and self-select how to spend their time. Students with grades of C- and below will be asked to remain with their assigned teacher to work on missing assignments and difficult concepts and skills. On Fridays, all students will attend advisory alternating with club time. Ask your child what they do during Mule Success. ☺

Tutors & Skyward

Teachers and volunteers are available to tutor students every day after school. Our library is open until at least 4:30 Monday through Thursday and until 3:30 on Fridays. Please help and encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity. As soon as students start to struggle, they need to advocate for themselves and seek help from adults or peers. Students who attend school and turn in all their assignments will pass their classes. Please remember to check Skyward for current grades and any missing assignments. Keeping up on school work and asking for help when confused ensures success! Celebrate school success; education is key to a successful future!

Peer Healthcare Advocates

In collaboration with our school nurse and the Wahkiakum Health Department, our WHS Teen Health Care Advocates are beginning a peer to peer sex education program utilizing the King County FLASH Curriculum and the KNOW Curriculum. Topics to be discussed during their presentations this semester will include an overview of the reproductive system, abstinence, birth control, preventing diseases, healthy relationships, gender identity and pregnancy. Through this program we are striving to provide a safe environment for students to discuss and learn about the

above topics. According to Washington State Law, parents must view the curriculum before excluding their child from being involved in the discussion. The materials will be available at the school office for viewing along with the opt-out forms.

Mule Gear

Wahkiakum High School ASB is selling Mule Spirit Wear and Mule Blankets! The money made from these fundraiser support all student activities including sports, band, clubs and student assemblies. Items are for sale in the high school office.

Chronic Absenteeism

Every absence, excused or unexcused, is a learning opportunity lost and can have significant impacts on a student's success in school and life. A student who misses 18 or more days in a school year—just two days a month—for any reason is considered chronically absent. Chronically absent students are more likely to fall behind in reading and math and less likely to graduate from high school. Addressing chronic absenteeism and developing good attendance habits is a solvable problem. Please help us make attendance a priority! If absences or tardies are an issue for your child, a report will be attached.

Being on Time is Important

Learning to be on time is critical to future success. At WHS, students can be tardy to class twice each quarter without a consequence, then every additional tardy is a thirty minute detention. When students are late, they miss important instructional time and often earn lower grades. If your child owes detention time for being late or for behavior issues, a detention report is attached. All detention time must be served the week it is issued unless other arrangements have been made. Thank-you for your help!

Confidence Week

This year, WHS has a leadership class that meets at 7:15am on Tuesdays and Fridays. Leadership is open to any interested student. The dedicated students that gather before it is even light, work together with ASB officers to create positive and meaningful events for students. On February 10th, they have invited Maddie Neuman, a motivational speaker and comedian, to visit our school and kick off Confidence Week. Her mission is to inspire, empower and motivate others to become the best they can be while loving themselves and others in the process. The following week students will celebrate their individuality and appreciation for each other with a week of dress up days and fun events. Encourage your student to get involved and participate!

As a staff, we appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide your student with the best education possible. We are committed to providing a safe and caring environment that encourages all students to succeed. Remember to check our website, www.wahksd.k12.wa.us for updated and current information. Thank-you for giving us the opportunity to educate your child.

Go Mules!
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Important Dates

February 13th – 17th – Confidence Week

February 13th – Red Cross Blood Drive

February 20th – President's Day, No School

February 21st, 10:15 – 2nd Semester Awards Assembly

February 27th, 1st Day of Spring Sports

March 1st (11:30 Release), 2nd, 3rd - Mid-Winter Break

April 3-7, No School – Spring Break

April 18th & 19th – Seattle Shakespeare Visits

April 29th – Prom

May 29th – Memorial Day, No School

June 9th – Class of 2017 Graduation

June 13th – Last Day of School

Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.85

ASB Cards \$40.00

Pay to Participate \$60.00