

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.

Stand Up, Stand Out, Take a Risk

January 4, 2018

1st Semester Grades

Happy New Year! January 26th is the last day of first semester. Graduation is our goal and hope for every student in our school. To receive a diploma, students need to pass classes. Please take a minute and look at your student's grades with him/her on Skyward. If your student is struggling, please contact us so we can work together to support your child. As we talk about in our school assemblies, success requires hard work and follow through. Thank-you for supporting your child as he/she develops this skills that are not only necessary for school but also for success in life.

Conferences

Thank-you to those of you that joined us for November conferences. If you were unable to attend or would like another meeting, please contact the office and we will help you set that up. 360.795.3271.

Tutors Available

Teachers and volunteers are available to tutor students every afternoon after school. Our library is open until 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. Celebrate school success; education is key to a productive and meaningful future!

Skyward

All families and students have access to student grades, attendance and lunch accounts using our Skyward system – there is also a mobile application that can easily be downloaded to your phone. If you do not have access or have misplaced your password, please call the high school for help. Grades should never be a surprise. If you do not have internet access, there are computers available for parent use in the lobby of the grade school, at the public library (open 1-5 Tuesday-Saturday) and at the new community center which is located under the public library.

Please make sure your email is updated in our system. We are now sending information electronically.

Mule Success Time

At WHS, we have Mule Success which is a 28 minute period four days a week occurring between 2nd and 3rd periods. All students are required to attend and will receive a letter grade

for the work they do during this time. The assignments focus on goal setting, organization and note taking. During Mule Success, students with successful grades have flex time and self-select how to spend their time – for example, the library and cafeteria will be open for studying and project work, ASB, Link Crew and other student leadership groups will meet and students will be able to tutor. Students with grades of C- and below will be asked to remain with their assigned teacher to work on missing assignments and difficult concepts. On Fridays, all students will attend advisory alternating with club time. Ask your child what they do during Mule Success. ☺

Highly Capable Nominations

WHS has a highly capable program. Highly capable students are students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments. To qualify, students must score in the 97th percentile or above on a norm-referenced and standardized intelligence quotient assessment. Students are nominated by teachers and/or parents. Applications for the 2018-19 school year are available at the office and due by January 9th.

Title I – Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications

Parents can request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with students. Parents also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessionals if students are receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional. All of our teachers meet the certification requirements of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, but we do have two teachers working under WA State Conditional Certificates. Jeff Rooklidge has a Conditional Career and Technical Education Certificate and Eli McElroy has a Conditional Certificate for Math and Science. If you would like more information or have questions please contact me by email or phone.

Clubs and Sports

Encourage your child to participate in extra-curricular activities. Research reminds us that involved students tend to do better in school. We offer two sports each season and various clubs such as Broadcasting, Key Club, German Club, FFA, Drama, Radio Club, Pep Club, Leadership, and many more. This year we have partnered with 4H to create a high school robotics team that meets after school. They recently won their first competition! Encourage your child to join.

Late Students/Detention

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 notice is mailed home. All detention time must be made up within three days, students with any remaining time will need to attend on our January 26th in-service day. Thank-you for your help!

As a staff, we appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide your student with the best education possible. Please call or email me anytime 360-795-3271 or sleitz@wahksd.k12.wa.us. Also, remember to check our website, www.wahksd.k12.wa.us for information.

Go Mules!

Stephanie Leitz, Principal

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Important Dates

January 9th – Highly Capable Applications Due

January 15th - No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 19th- 2nd Semester Online Class Applications Due

January 23rd- Last Day for 2nd Semester Schedule Changes

January 26th - No School, In-Service Day

January 26th - End of 1st Semester

February - No School – Presidents Day

March - Mid-Winter Break

Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.80

ASB Cards \$40.00

Pay to Participate \$60