

# 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!***

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February 9, 2018

## **Report Cards**

Your student's first semester report card is enclosed along with a copy of his/her current transcripts. Transcripts are critical to both 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. Celebrate the successes of the 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. Our library is open Monday – Thursday until 4:30, we have tutors available and teachers who are always willing to meet with students before and after school.

## **Survey Results - Mule Success Time**

The WHS Leadership Class recently conducted a school wide evaluation. Students were asked to write down and discuss two things they liked about WHS and two things they'd like to see improved. Students at WHS like Mule Success - which is a shortened period between 2nd and 3rd period. All students are required to attend and 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. In addition, students feel we have a very caring and helpful staff, they love the 1:1 Chromebook program and enjoy the freedoms of HS. They wish we had a snack machine, a longer lunch and more elective offerings. These are things leadership will be working to improve over the remainder of the year.

## **Skyward**

Do you have the Skyward App? Are you signed up to receive automatic notifications if your child receives a grade on an assignment? Checking Skyward regularly will increase student success. 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!

## **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.

### **Program Evaluations and Feedback**

If there is anything you are not happy with at WHS please do not hesitate to contact us. Knowing issues and solving them with students and families is important to us. In addition to a local complaint process, as a public school, we also have a state and federal policies to follow. The OSPI website has several resources <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/CitizenComplaint.aspx>

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. We value your input in this process. Remember to check our website, [www.wahksd.k12.wa.us](http://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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# **Wahkiakum High School**

## **Important Dates**

February 19th – President’s Day, No School

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Day for Spring Sports

February 28<sup>th</sup> (11:30 Release), March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mid-Winter Break

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break, No School

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Seattle Shakespeare Visits

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Prom

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day, No School

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Class of 2018 Graduation

Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.85

ASB Cards \$40.00

Pay to Participate \$60.00