

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.

Brighten the Light!

September 20, 2018

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Stop by the office and see the great display featuring this year's theme made by Ms. Garn's art class. We have so many talented students. I love learning about their passions and watching their talents grow and develop. Creating a post-secondary plan is all about turning these skills into a career! It is going to be a GREAT year. ☺

Tutors Available

Teachers and volunteers are available to tutor students every night after school. Our library and at least one classroom 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!

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 17 or more days in a school year—less than 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.

Healthy Youth Survey

Our district is participating in the Washington State 2018 Healthy Youth Survey on October 16th. The Healthy Youth Survey includes questions related to physical activity and diet, unintentional and intentional injury, substance use, risk and protective factors, access to school-based services, and sexual behaviors, abuse and orientation. Survey results are used by schools, communities and state agencies to plan programs to support our youth and reduce their risks. Participation in the survey is voluntary and the students' answers are anonymous. Please read the attached Parent and Student Notification Letter for more information about the Healthy Youth Survey.

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. 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 and at the 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 and credit for the work they do during this time. The assignments focus on goal setting, organization and note taking. Starting in October, students with successful grades have flex time meaning they self-select how to spend their Mule Success 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. ☺

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 report is mailed home. All detention time must be made up within the week issued to avoid further consequences. 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 with questions or concerns 360-795-3271 or sleitz@wahksd.k12.wa.us. Also, remember to check our website, www.wahksd.k12.wa.us for updated and current information.

Go Mules!
Stephanie Leitz
Principal