



# *Leadership for College and Career Readiness*

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*Partnerships are KEY!*



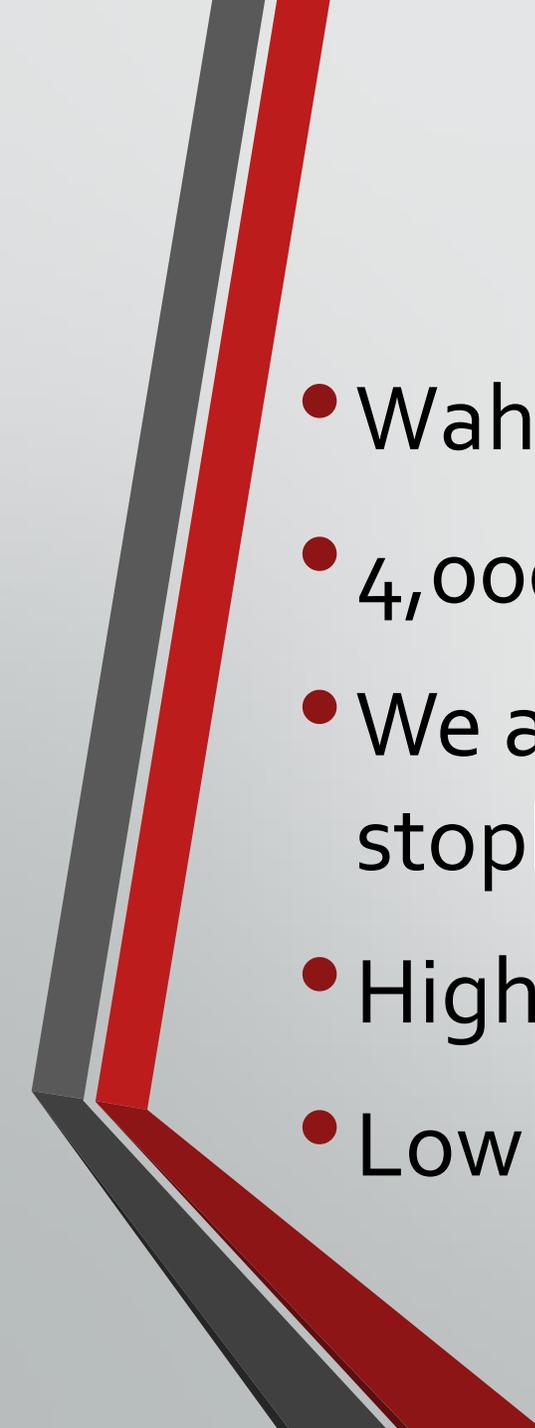
*The Smart Choice!*

## AGENDA

- Who are we? Introductions/Demographics
  - What do we want to accomplish?
    - What does that mean for
      - Students
      - Staff
      - Community

# Wahkiakum



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- Wahkiakum County is the 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest county in WA.
  - 4,000 people
  - We are the only county in the state without a stoplight!
  - High Percentage of HS Graduates 93%
  - Low Percentage of College Graduates 14%



WAHKIAKUM HIGH SCHOOL  
CATHLAMET, WA

# *Wahkiakum High School*

- 135 Students
- 50% of our students are on free/reduced lunch
- 83% White & 11% Hispanic
- 23% Special Education
- 100% Rural

# *Wahkiakum High School*



*The school is the center of our community. It is open most of the time for student and community use - sporting events, birthday parties, bunko and even funerals are held there.*

# *Wahkiakum High School*



**Students built our grandstands and help with landscaping, community projects and events.**

# Athletics





# Education is valued but college is not a typical path. . .

- Dying Industries - Timber, Fishing, Paper
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Students
- Rural Families that value staying close to home

# The Special Needs of the Rural Student

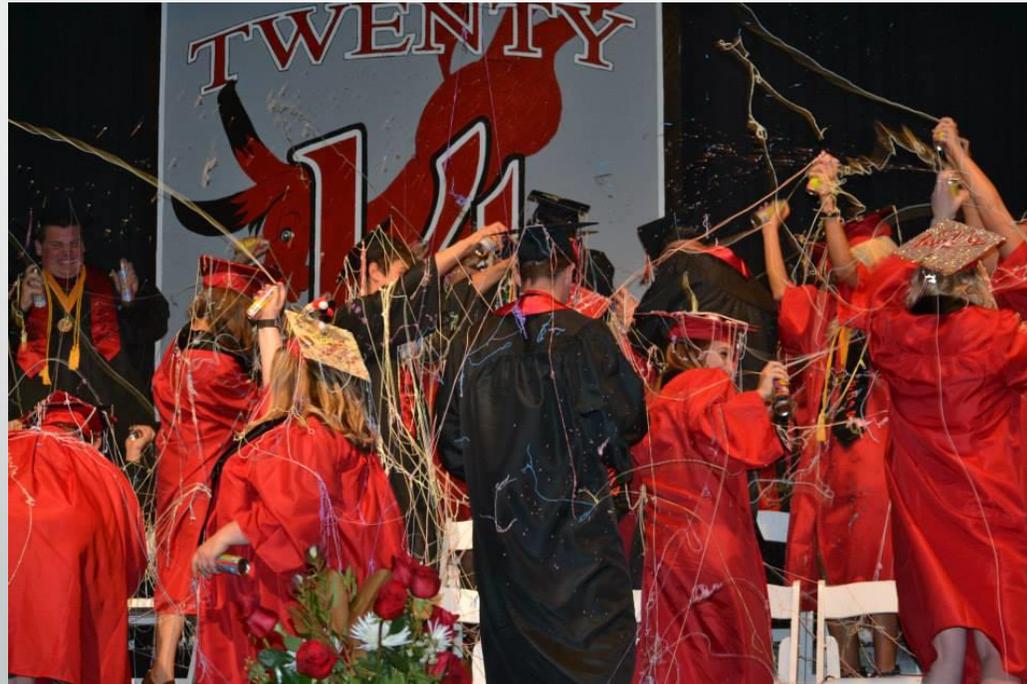
- Remote Location
  - Lack of "College Culture" in Communities
- Small School Populations Result in Limited Class Offerings
  - Uncertainty Makes Planning Difficult
    - Low Income Families
- High Density of Foster Children - Limited Resources
  - Cost and Safety of Travel - Access
  - Family Values - Stay Close to Home

# Research

- According to the Alliance for Excellent Education (2010), *Current Challenges and Opportunities in Preparing Rural High School Students for Success in College and Careers*, (p. 3):
  - More than 3.4 million American students currently attend rural high schools.
  - One in four rural students fails to graduate from high school, and the rate is even higher for minority youth.
  - Only 17% of rural adults age 25 and older have a college degree—half the percentage of urban adults.

Challenges for rural schools include shrinking tax bases, education funding inequities, recruiting and retaining effective teachers, limited access to AP and IB courses, increasing diversity, small enrollments, geographic isolation, limited purchasing power, and "the out-migration of young people and professionals" (p.3).

***Students will leave Wahkiakum High School with the tools and skills necessary to persevere in their pursuit for college or career success.***





*Students*  
*Staff*  
*Community*

What are our needs, wants and dreams?

Keep all your doors open!

Build Strength through Partnerships



**Make It Happen!**



Believe, Celebrate, Empower



As we began looking at data,  
multi-tier systems of support,  
student involvement and  
college and career readiness...

# **Mule Success**

*30 minutes of intervention time 3 days a week*

# Mule Success – Core/Flex Model

Core/Study Skills	FLEX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Study Skills for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders using AVID</li><li>- 10-12 Assigned a Teacher</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- . 10-12 grade students with A, B or C grades</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Skyward &amp; Missing Assignments</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Classroom, Library, Cafeteria</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Notebook Checks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Freedom to determine how to spend time</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Learning how to learn and advocate for themselves, individual mentoring</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Peer Tutor</li><li>- Leadership Opportunities</li><li>- TAG &amp; ASB Meetings</li><li>- Community Partners</li></ul>

# ***Mule Success***

- **Students will be given a .25 pass/fail credit each year for Advisory/Mule Success.**
- **Advisory is twice a month for 30 minutes.**
- **Advisory on Fridays and alternates with club time**
- **Students check in with the same advisor for both Advisory and Mule Success – Roll is taken through Skyward and students will study in the room or use Fast Passes to leave.**
- **Flex students are also required to check in, letting staff know where they plan to be.**

# Mule Success Shows Growth

- **22.73%** decrease in the number of students with F's from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 3rd quarter.
- **27.27%** decrease in the number of D's and F's from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3rd quarter.
- **57.89%** decrease in the number of students with more than 2 D's or F's!

Students are talking about their grades and proud of their progress!



# *Advisory*

The purpose is -

College and Career Readiness

High School & Beyond Plan

Job Shadows

Senior Projects - Community

Partnership with LCC – College Access

# Club Time



Wahkiakum Chamber – Speech & Debate  
Community Member – Psychology Club  
Kiwanis – Key Club  
Wahkiakum Community Network - TAG

“If you have a pulse you have a purpose  
and it all starts with loving yourself.”



Be the Change!



# Staff

Weekly PLC Time

DuFour Model - RTI

Vertical Teaming

TPEP Grant

CCSS - Gear Up Trainings

AVID – Cornell Notes

Mentor Lists

ESD 112

Kelso/Longview School Districts

Book Study - Mindset

# Community Partnerships

Wahkiakum Health & Human Services  
United Way – Make a Change  
Chamber of Commerce  
Wahkiakum Community Network  
Lions Club  
Kiwanis  
Sheriff's Department  
Fire and EMT – CPR Class  
The Charlotte House  
St. James Family Center



# **Lower Columbia College & WHS**

**Participation in Advisory**

**Meeting Regularly with Mr. Niemeyer /College & Career Support**

**LCC Outreach Workshops**

**Information Nights**

**Financial Aid**

**Scholarships**

**Math Boot Camp**

**Free Placement Exams at WHS**

**Math Transfer Agreement**

**College in the High School**

**CTE**

**Running Start**



# Community College

- Affordable
- Smaller Class Sizes
- Flexible but structured
- Close to Home
- Student Focused



*The Smart Choice!*

LCC is the smart choice for quality education, access to education, and affordable education.



Sports & Academics – Study Hall

RTI

Mule Success

TPEP/CCSS

College Marketing

Preparation/PSAT/SAT/ACT

College Visits/Career Fairs

Community Partnerships

Mindset

Accreditation

**Make it Happen!**

# School Culture

Assemblies for Academic Excellence

LCC Testing – Plan

PSAT (increase from 15 to 30)

100% of our Seniors had a path!

College IS an Option – Community Support - \$ for Scholars

# Accreditation

Common Goal

Mission & Focus

**CELEBRATE** 😊

-The Eagle

*Fearless and willing to wear  
many hats!*

*We don't fail, we succeed at  
fixing our mistakes.*





Now What. . . .

**“Every day the goal is to be better than I was yesterday!”**

**Russell Wilson**