

Wahelut Indian School

Remote Learning Guidance for Students and Families

We have upgraded Remote Learning at Wahelut Indian School for the fall to be able to adapt to stages and changes of the Covid 19 Pandemic while providing support to our staff, students and families this 2020-2021 school year. Remote learning is full instruction addressing the same rigorous content, standards and grading with different delivery methods and options for engagement and representation of the learning.

Communication

Please, stay connected to your child's teacher. Teachers will be the direct communication line for students and families. Teachers will be available Monday-Friday to assist students with assignments, technology and general questions during independent learning periods according to your child's schedule. If you have difficulty or questions, please contact your student's teacher first. The Wahelut Indian School website will also serve as a way to stay informed and up-to-date.

Technology

Each individual student enrolled at Wahelut has the opportunity to check out a Chromebook. The Chromebooks have been distributed by our transportation department to the student's residence, if you have not received a Chromebook, please contact the office to make arrangements for pickup. A parent/guardian and student must sign an authorization form.

Chromebooks remain the property of Wahelut Indian School. Please, ensure they are kept in good condition.

Attendance

Each student has been assigned a student login and password for their Chromebook Google Accounts. Beginning Wednesday September 9th, Elementary (K-5) students will be required to sign-in to their teachers' classroom daily. Middle School students (6-8) will be required to sign-in to each class daily.

Please, make sure your child logs in to their teachers' website each day. Attendance will be reported to the State of Washington and to the Bureau of Indian Education.

Assignments

Wahelut Remote Learning will be teacher-facilitated learning with a focus on grade level standards and our current curriculum. Remote Learning will include both synchronous learning (live online sessions) and asynchronous learning (recorded and can be completed on your own time). All assignments and lessons will exist on our online platform, Google Classrooms, so they are easy for students and families to find. Students will use their Chromebooks to access their teachers virtual classrooms within Google Classrooms and complete activities and assignments according to their daily schedules. Other district approved platforms and programs may also be used to enhance student learning.

Grading

The district will implement a grading policy similar to the grading system for in-person learning. Students will be graded by their teachers for participation, completing online assignments, and daily logins, in accordance with their classroom schedules. Since equity for all students cannot be achieved due to the fact that there is a diverse array of differences within each student's household and the unknowns within their households.

The district will implement a no failing grade policy, as noted:

- If students login daily;
- Make an attempt at completion of assignments;
- Attain consistent engagement with their teachers;
- Students will receive an appropriate grade for their academic investment in their education.

Again, this policy states that no student will receive a failing grade if their effort is clearly displayed. An equitable grading system during a Remote Learning period is very challenging to sustain.

Specialists

Specialists include counseling services, PE and Native Language/Culture. Each specialist will have a classroom of their own with activities and assignments posted weekly for students to complete. Students enrolled in our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) will have lessons posted according to their schedule.

Special Education

Specifically designed instruction based on the needs/goals of your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP), please be on notice that some students in our Special Education program may be transported for face-to-face instruction with no more than 5 students at any given time. The Special Education Department, Mr. Howe, will be your point of contact for your child's needs. Additionally, Remote instruction will be provided via Google Classroom to your child during their academic learning time.

Stay Involved

Daily interaction with all courses will help students stay on top of their learning and schoolwork. Daily participation in remote learning is a district, state and federal expectation.