



# White River High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to provide you information about processes and procedures at White River High School for you and your student to be aware of throughout the year. We have had a great start to the year at WRHS with students engaged in rigorous coursework, the opening of Arrow Lumber Stadium at White River High School, the implementation of 1:1 Technology called GenSwarm, where every student gets a chromebook to use in class, and at home, and an updated security system. Below you will find information concerning our intervention period called Hornet Time, Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying reporting, WRHS grading procedures and GenSwarm.

This past summer, we redesigned our intervention period, previously known as STAT, to be able to provide targeted interventions aligned to the standards taught in courses in a timely and meaningful manner. Our Intervention period is now called Hornet Time, and is a 30 minute block of time between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> periods, Tuesday through Friday. Students will receive Google Calendar invites from their teachers every Tuesday if they need to retake an assessment, reteach or preteach a standard/skill for an upcoming unit. Students will use their Chromebooks on Tuesday during Hornet Time to accept the calendar invites and make a plan for the remainder of the week designating where they need to go for Hornet Time. If students do not receive a calendar invite, they will use a sheet that lists open teachers where they can go to for extra help, or work on coursework. Students may only go to open classes in which the teacher is teaching a course that the student is currently enrolled in. Each week, students will have a different plan based on request/calendar invites from teachers. I encourage parents to have weekly conversations with your student about their plan during Hornet Time and look at their Google Calendar where they should have created their own calendar event with their plan each day.

White River High School has a strict policy against harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and takes all allegations seriously in the enforcement of this policy. We are committed to promoting a safe learning environment for all students and have consistently demonstrated that commitment through our ongoing work with the implementation of our school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program and the Hornet Way. Students at WRHS are expected to follow the Hornet Way by being safe, responsible and respectful. It is our strong conviction that these important skills are not only essential elements of a healthy learning environment, but also represent critical skills needed to succeed after high school. This does not mean that we are immune to the challenges that face us all when it comes to healthy interactions and conflict resolution. All negative interaction between students is regrettable, and WRHS actively investigates allegations and takes appropriate corrective measures in support of our

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Title IX Coordinator  
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students, aligned to Board Policy 3207. Not all negative interactions meet the definition of bullying, but those still represent teachable moments for our students, and it is important that you know we are here to partner with you to support the social and emotional development of your child. White River High School has a Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying report form for students and adults to complete that is available in the attendance office, and on the school's webpage. Please have ongoing conversations with your student about the importance of building and sustaining healthy relationships, including interactions on social media as well as the negative impact unhealthy behaviors can have on students and their education. If you need additional resources, please contact the counseling office at 360-829-5514.

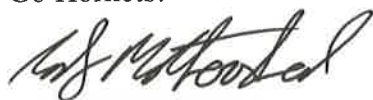
White River High School uses a 4-point scale for providing students feedback on their learning. The vocabulary connected to the 4-point scale is listed below. The grades earned in each course is based on the student's level of understanding on a standard/skill. Gradebooks should be updated weekly and each entry will have the standard/skill listed in the description to communicate student's level of understanding on the standard/skill. Students have the opportunity to retake an assessment within a reasonable timeframe after demonstrating an increased knowledge of the standard. Students turning in their work on-time is important to the learning progression, and late work can have a negative impact on student learning.

Description	4-Point Scale Entry
Mastery (M)	4
Approaching Mastery (AM)	3.6
Proficiency (P)	3.4
Approaching Proficiency (AP)	2.8
Basic (Ba)	2.4
Beginning (Be)	2
No Evidence	0

We are excited about the GenSwarm initiative that provides every student a chromebook for use in their classes, and to take home to use after school for school purposes. The use of technology in the classroom has a positive impact on students' learning by using applications (apps) and websites to model concepts, make learning relevant and provide students access to other resources that, in turn, will help support learning in their courses. Furthermore, the school is helping prepare students for success after school by teaching Digital Citizenship skills on how to use technology apps, such as Google Calendar and email for communication and organization. Please help your child remember to charge their chromebook each night so they will be prepared for class everyday. Thank you to our community and voters for supporting the Tech Levy, which made this possible for our students.

White River High School is committed to supporting all students and preparing them for success after high school. For additional information throughout the year, families can follow WRHS on Facebook. To ensure you follow the correct page, please look for the following picture of the front of our school. If you have any questions or we can be of any assistance, please contact the school at 360-829-5500.

Go Hornets!



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