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WELCOME!

Welcome to Wheatland Union High School – home of the mighty **PIRATES!** You will be among approximately 700 students attending WUHS. We hope that you enjoy this school year and the many activities offered to you. This is your school, so get involved; take pride in it! If you have any questions, drop by the guidance, assistant principal's, or student activity office.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Students are given the opportunity during the spring term of each school year to select classes for the following year. It is important that the student and the student's parents select courses according to both graduation requirements and the student's career objectives. Students must carefully check that they have taken the proper prerequisites for each course selected and that these chosen classes reflect their personal 4-year plan.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Guidance Department makes every effort to match student needs with available classes. Therefore, **there should be no reason for a schedule change unless there is an error on the student's schedule.** Each student has an opportunity to change and/or adjust his/her schedule before school starts. Once school begins, the student should be committed to this schedule. The Guidance Department **WILL NOT** consider schedule changes for the following reasons:

1. To be with friends;
2. To change teachers;
3. "I have a job and have to leave early"
4. Athletics

Scheduling Errors will receive immediate attention by the Guidance Department. The following are considered scheduling errors:

1. Missing a course(s) needed for graduation
2. "Blank"/missing a class period

3. "Double up" of courses in the same period (not State Requirements/ Computer Literacy or Civics/Econ as examples).

Students have a **two week** window to correct their schedule once the school year begins.

GRADING – CREDIT – HONORS

All classes are graded A-F, with Office Practice, Teacher's Aide, Library Practice, and Advisory graded pass/fail. Grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point system for most classes. Junior and Senior Honors and AP classes are calculated on a 5-point system. Academic excellence is recognized in two ways: the Principal's Honor List for achievement of 3.5 GPA or above; and the Honor Roll for academic achievement of 3.0 to 3.49. Academic letters are given to students with a 3.5 GPA or above.

REPORT CARDS

WUHS operates on a two-semester system. Each student receives four report cards per semester. All mid-semester report cards are mailed the week following the end of a nine-week period.

Semester report cards and credits will not be issued until ALL fines or fees have been paid. If a student is in danger of failing a subject, parents are notified by a mailed **progress report** every five weeks.

Welcome Information

STUDENT COUNCIL

Members of the Student Council are your representatives and have direct access to the school administration. The Council also:

- Sponsors student activities
- Serves as a training experience for both leaders and followers
- Promotes the common good
- Gives students a share in the management of the school
- Develops high ideals of personal conduct
- Acts as a clearing house for student activities
- Seeks to interest students in school affairs
- Helps solve problems that may arise

STUDENT BODY CARDS

All students are encouraged to purchase Student Body Cards in order to help support the activities program at Wheatland High School. These cards sell for \$30.00 and provide reduced rates to social activities and admission to athletic events.

ALMA MATER

*Hail to thee, our dear school Wheatland,
Hail the white and blue.
Honor, love, and true devotion,
We will give to you.*

*White for honor,
Blue for courage;
Hold the banner high!
Hail to thee, our dear school Wheatland,
As the years go by!*

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Friday
7:30am – 4:00pm

HOLIDAYS

WUHS observes the following:

Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Break
Christmas (Winter Break)
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday
Presidents' Day
Easter (Spring Break)
Memorial Day
Fourth of July

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Wheatland Union High School District not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap, in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX and Section 504 may be directed to Superintendent, Wheatland Union High School District, 1010 Wheatland Road, Wheatland, CA 95692; phone (530) 633-3100; fax (530) 633-3109; or to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C.

If you wish additional information or would like an appointment with a counselor, please call 633-3100.

NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter, containing information of interest to parents, is mailed and also available on the school website (www.wheatlandhigh.org).

WUHS Student Activities and Services

ATTENDANCE

By state law, absences are only excused for illness, medical appointments, quarantine, funeral of an immediate family member, religious commitments, jury duty, or court appearances. All other absences are unexcused.

Parents must notify WUHS of all student absences (in advance if possible). When an absence occurs, parents are to call or write a note to the **Attendance Office** at **633-3100 x109** **BEFORE** the student returns to school. Any absence not verified by a parent/guardian will be considered **UNEXCUSED/CUT**. Parents have three days to clear an absence.

PARKING PERMITS

The front lot is for student parking. Do not park in **Reserved** or **Visitor** spots. Students must register their vehicles and clearly display their **FREE** parking permit. The Wheatland Police Department issues parking tickets if no permit is displayed.

ID & ASB STICKERS

All students are issued an ID Card and are expected to have it in their possession at **ALL** times during the school day and at school functions. The ID card acts as the student's Library card to check out books and textbooks. An ASB logo is embossed on the card if the Student Body Card fee is paid.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for all books issued to them. Lost, damaged, or stolen books must be paid for before additional books are issued.

WORK PERMIT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a work permit the district policy requires that a student have a 2.0 GPA minimum with no more than one "F" for the preceding grading period. Eligibility may be revoked at any time for discipline, attendance, or academic performance.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

WUHS is a closed campus. When a student leaves the school grounds for any reason, he/she must obtain an "Early Dismissal" from the Attendance Office. Parents must notify the Attendance Office in advance if their student needs to leave campus. The student should come to the Attendance Office before school for a pass to leave class or school.

PAY TELEPHONE

A public telephone, located by the foyer, is available for student use before/after school and during lunch. Students may not use the office phones or be excused to make phone calls during class time. Messages will be delivered only in emergency situations. Cell phones are not allowed during school hours.

DANCES

An ID card must be presented to enter a WUHS dance. Bids for the formal Prom must be purchased in advance.

A WUHS student may bring one non-WUHS guest to a formal dance, but must apply with a "Dance Guest Bid Application" for approval prior to purchasing a ticket. All guests must have a photo ID. Any student bringing a guest is responsible for the guest's behavior. Guests must follow all school rules.

LOCKERS (HALL & P.E.)

Lockers are available for \$5 for personal items and school materials. Switching, sharing, or using a friend's locker is discouraged. Students should never divulge their locker combination to anyone and all valuable items should be left at home. Wheatland High School is not responsible for the loss of textbooks or private property from lockers. All hall locker problems should be reported to the Attendance office and P.E. locker problems to a P.E. teacher.

INTERNET USE

Student Internet access is a privilege at WUHS. To gain access to the vast resources of the Internet, you and your parents must review and sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Filtered and monitored Internet access is available in EVERY classroom and in the Library to all students who have submitted a signed AUP.

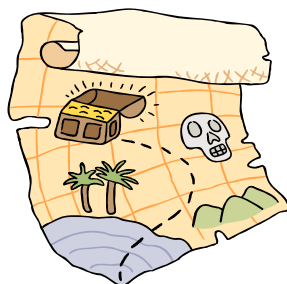
Minimum Graduation Requirements

Graduation is authorized by the Board of Education. A diploma will be granted to all students who have earned **240 semester credits**, passed **Algebra I**, and passed the **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)**.

Courses	Classes of 2009	Class of 2010 and beyond
English	40 credits	40 credits
Mathematics (including Algebra I)	20 credits (30 for college prep)	20 credits (30 for college prep)
Social Science	30 credits	30 credits
Science (Life and Physical)	20 credits	20 credits
Physical Education	20 credits	20 credits
Skills for Living	10 credits	10 credits
Fine Arts or Foreign Language	10 credits	10 credits
Computer Class	5 credits	5 credits
Electives	85 credits	80 credits
State Requirements		5 credits
Total	240 credits	240 credits

4-Year Plan of Courses (minimum to graduate)

9	10	11	12
English _____	English _____	English _____	English _____
State Req/ Comp Lit _____	World History _____	U.S. History _____	Civics & Econ. _____
Science _____	Science _____	Elective _____	Skills _____
Math _____	Math _____	Elective _____	Elective _____
P.E. _____	P.E. _____	Elective _____	Elective _____
Elective _____	Elective _____	Elective _____	Elective _____
	Optional Elective _____	Optional Elective _____	Optional Elective _____



State Universities and Colleges

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE FUTURE

Students who plan to enter the job market after graduation must anticipate a world of rapid change. Research indicates that future members of the work force will have to communicate effectively and process ever-increasing amounts of information. To be prepared for the job market, students should take classes that extend their basic skills and explore real life experiences. They should select classes that help to accomplish the following goals:

1. Master basic competencies in reading, writing, mathematics, and computers.
2. Explore personal interests in academic areas as well as the fine arts, business, and the technical education fields.
3. Participate in school-sponsored activities, career exploration experiences, and on-the-job training programs.

Students planning to go directly to a college or university have a prescribed course of classes they must take depending on the school they have selected. Getting into college is very competitive. Grades, test scores, and extracurricular activities are critical at the most selective schools but increasingly important at other schools too. Students should begin work early (freshman year) to meet these requirements.

If students are undecided about their specific future plans, taking the most rigorous courses will “keep their options open.”

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

There are no specific requirements, although a strong high school program is recommended. To enroll, a student must be 18 years old, a high school graduate, or have passed the California State Proficiency Exam.

Students wishing to investigate career options will want to take note of the programs available in specified elective classes, such as:

- ROP
- Certificate programs
- 2 + 2 programs (allow juniors and seniors who earn a B or better to earn college credit in the specified program area)

If a class is not offered at WUHS, juniors and seniors may elect to take community college courses. College catalogs are available in the Counseling office. Remedial classes are not available at community college.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) & UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

The UC and the CSU systems have the same entrance requirements. The UC system, however, requires higher test scores and a higher grade point average (GPA). Students must follow a university preparatory program and must earn a grade of “C” or better in the required courses listed below.

UC & CSU ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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|----------------------------------|---|
| A. U.S. History or Government | 1 year required |
| A. World History | 1 year required |
| B. English | 4 years required |
| C. Math (Algebra or higher) | 3 years required;
4 years recommended |
| D. Laboratory Science | 2 years required;
3 years recommended |
| E. Language other than English | 2 years of the same language required;
3 years recommended |
| F. Fine Arts | 1 year required |
| G. College Preparatory Electives | 1 or 2 years recommended |

State Universities and Colleges

The student's academic GPA is computed on the A-G college course requirements. At least half of the required courses should be taken in the last 4 semesters of high school.

If your GPA is 3.3 or higher, then you meet the minimum requirement for admission to the UC system. You must take the following tests: ACT or SAT I and SAT II achievement tests. You are automatically eligible for the CSU system if your GPA is 3.0 or higher. Check the eligibility index in the application or catalog for the school where you are applying. Being eligible for the system **does not** guarantee entry to any specific campus.

PRIVATE & OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES

Students who are interested in private or out-of-state colleges will have to do some research. Admission information can be found in the guidance office, career center, and on our website (www.wheatlandhigh.org).

SERVICE ACADEMIES

Candidates are expected to have pursued studies in high school that will prepare them for a rigorous college program. This includes four years of science, English, and math. Specific requirements vary with the Academy; however, each does require an entrance examination (ACT or SAT). A candidate must obtain a nomination before he or she can be considered for a cadet appointment. Involvement in extracurricular activities is almost mandatory. Interested students should see a counselor early in their high school career, and also consult the individual catalogue. Juniors can apply for a one-week seminar held in June. PSAT or ACT/SAT scores determine eligibility for this seminar. Applications are available in December or January of the junior year.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

In California, the priority filing period for all University of California and most California State University campuses is November 1 through November 30 of the year preceding admission. The deadlines for private schools, service academies, and out-of-state schools vary. Be informed!

FINANCIAL AID

Federal and state philosophies for financial aid state that parents and students have the primary responsibility to pay higher education expenses; however, if you are unable to meet all the expenses you should apply for financial aid. Each year in December, the Guidance Department offers a parent workshop to help with this process. A specific FAFSA workshop is also offered in January.

A parent information night is offered in the fall and spring, depending on interest. This night is set aside to answer parents' questions relating to post-high school goals, test taking, and general college information.

