



9th Grade Family Meeting

September 15, 2020

Question for chat:

Is a hotdog a sandwich? Why or why not?

Attendance

- Staff take attendance every day, for all five periods
- Student absences need to be excused while we are in virtual school
- Attendance can be excused in the following ways:
 - Email to attendance office Lindbergh.attendance@rentonschools.us
 - Phone call to attendance Office 425 204 3228

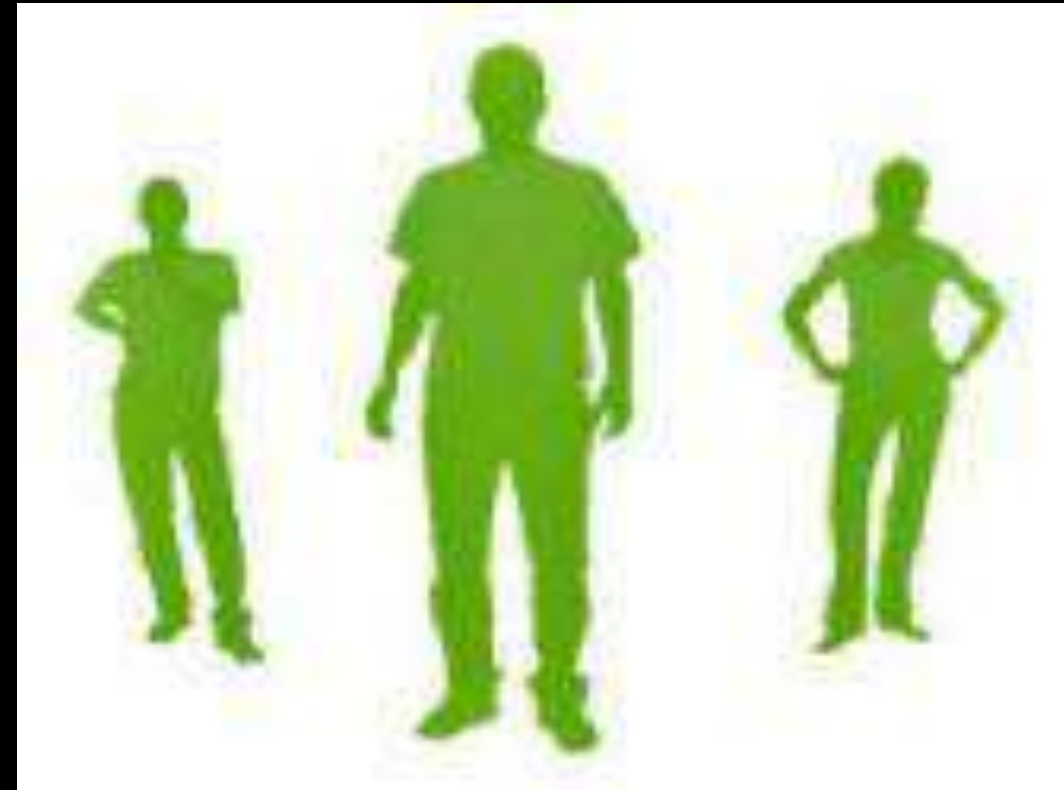
Having a student let their teacher know during a Zoom meeting they will be gone for any reason will not excuse the absence, although it is good practice!



Suicide Awareness Month

WE ARE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP

Don't hesitate to raise the subject. Talking with young people about suicide won't put the idea in their heads. Chances are, if you've observed any of the warning signs, they're already thinking about it. Be direct in a caring, non-confrontational way.



What to do if you see the warning signs?

1

If a friend or someone you know mentions suicide, take it seriously.

2

If he or she has expressed an immediate plan or has access to a gun or other potentially deadly means, do not leave him or her alone.

3

Get help immediately.

4

Talk to an adult you trust.

Other key risk factors include:

- Readily accessible firearms
- Impulsiveness and taking unnecessary risks
- Lack of connection to family and friends (no one to talk to)

These warning signs are especially noteworthy if there has been:

- A recent death or suicide of a friend or family member
- A recent break-up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, or conflict with parents
- News reports of other suicides by young people in the same school or community

Where to go for help

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
- 24 Hour King Co. Crisis & Resource Line: 1-206-461-3222, crisisconnections.org, or call 211
- Renton Schools Safety and Security Hotline: (425) 204-2468
- Teenlink 6-10pm 1.866.TEENLINK www.TEENLINK.org

Counseling News

- Counselors will be delivering information to your student through their Science class, beginning September 22. Topics will include earning credits, being successful in high school, and the benefits of being organized.
- Lessons on high school requirements will also be delivered to students through their Home Room on September 28.

Counseling News, continued

- Wellness Wednesdays – every Wednesday beginning October 7th, from 12PM-1PM
- Sign up for free/reduced lunch!
- Sound Mental Health and Renton Area Youth Services will be providing services for students through groups. Topics are anxiety/depression, LGBTQ, and substance abuse.

What is ~~Advisory~~ Home Room?

- Students meet with their Home Room teacher almost every Monday, from 8:30-9:00AM
- Students keep the same Home Room teacher all 4 years
- Subject matter includes Career Cruising, community building, and social emotional learning



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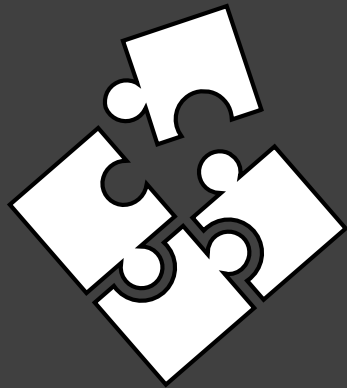


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Helping students
put together
post-secondary
pieces



Support individual student and schoolwide efforts for 9-12 grade postsecondary development for:

-  Apprenticeship
-  Community or Technical College
-  Direct Workforce Entry
-  Military
-  University

Assisting students with career exploration, application assistance (college, internships scholarships, jobs and financial aid [FAFSA/WASFA]) and more!!!

Feel free to connect or share resources with us by email



**GEAR
UP**

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South King County

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**GEAR UP and
AVID**

What is GEAR UP?

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

- GEAR UP is a program funded by the Department of Education
- It is a Federal Grant that lasts for 7 years, that gives funding to communities to increase the # of students who go to college and graduate from college and other post-secondary education programs
- It will end after the class of 2025 graduates**

GEAR UP Achievers – South King County

Our goal is to dramatically increase the number of students who enter and succeed in post-secondary programs

- Grant is focused on South King County (Renton, Kent, Auburn, Tukwila)
- **Specific support for first generation, low income, and students of color**
- Started in 2019, with 6th & 7th grade (Class of 2024 and 2025)
- Follow students through middle school, high school, and into post-secondary programs
- Focus on STEM

Services for students

- AVID elective class option and instruction
- Mentorship program
- Instructional support
- College and career readiness activities and field trips
- Tutoring and after-school programs
- Education and support on financing post-secondary education
- Summer Education opportunities

Our ***BIG GOAL***

Increase the number of students who:

- attend middle and high school on a regular basis
- graduate high school
- enroll in college and post-secondary
- graduate from college post-secondary
- earn a living wage job and have thriving adult lives

Services for families

- Family engagement nights
- Education on financial aid
- Scholarship information
- Support services for post-secondary education
- Family college visits

AVID

Advancement via Individual Determination

- Elective sections offered to select students in Class of 2024 and 2025
 - Application process include personal statement and letters of recommendation from teachers
- School-wide initiatives and activities for all students
 - Cornell note-taking strategies, subject notebooks, etc.

WICOR Strategies

- *Writing*
- *Inquiry*
- *Collaboration*
- *Organization*
- *Reading*

What is the AVID Elective?

In the AVID Elective, students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make them college-ready.



WICOR (The 5 applications of AVID)

WRITING

- Cornell Note-Taking
- Learning Logs
- Quick writes and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing

INQUIRY

- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa's Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions that Guide Research

COLLABORATION

- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities and Projects
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning Projects

ORGANIZATION

- Binders and Organizational Tools
- Calendars, Planners, and Agendas
- Graphic Organizers
- A Focused Note-Taking System
- Tutorials and Study Groups
- Project Planning and SMART Goals

READING

- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching

Questions & Comments

Tech Help:



- [Hotspot Information and Application](#)
- [Chromebook Help & FAQ](#)

Questions and Answers

- How are classes going to be graded?
- What is a good GPA for freshmen year?
- How often are Zoom meetings for each class? Some teachers are live daily and some are only live once per week.
- Will sports be opening?
- What are graduation requirement? For example, volunteer hours

Questions and Answers

- Will there be options for school sponsored study pods?
- Will there be a virtual open house to meet teachers?
- What social activities will be supported/shared to allow students to interact?
- Are CTE classes a requirement for graduation?
- How do parents/guardians access Canvas and Google Classroom?

Next 9th Grade Family Meeting – September 30th

Counselors will be sharing all things families need to know for their students to have success in high school.