## ALL DISTRICT PARENT'S MEETING January 8, 2020

**TOPIC: GRADUATION PATHWAYS** 

## Introductions

Discussed graduation requirements for the class of 2020 (Russell Evans, Jr/Sr High Principal and Laken Church, Academic Counselor)

- 24 Credit Requirements
  - English 4 Credits (.5 per semester)
  - Math 3 Credits (Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1, Geometry or Integrated Math 2)
  - Science 2 Credits (at least 2 labs)
  - Social Studies 3 Credits (1.0 US History and Government, .5 Contemporary World History, Geography, .5 Civics, 1.0 Social Studies Elective)
  - Art 2 credits (performing or visual arts)
  - World Language 2 Credits
  - Health and Fitness 2 Credits (.5 Health and 1.5 Fitness)
  - Career and Technical Education (CTE) 1 Credit
  - 4 Elective Credits

House Bill (HB) 1599 (2019) – This Washington State Legislature expands the ways students show their readiness for their next step after high school.

Discussed the different assessment that students can use to prepare for life after high school.

- State Assessment
- Dual Credits
- AP/IB/Cambridge
- SAT/ACT
- Transition Course
- Combination
- ASVAB
- CTE Sequence

<u>Grays Harbor College</u> - Marcy Alstrom, Recruitment and Admissions Director at Grays Harbor College presented. The college serves Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. It is really important for students to figure out what they like to do and start doing them in high school. They have a lot of different options that are offered at affordable costs. Please encourage your students to complete the FAFSA/WASFA. Visit campus' to make sure they are a good fit for your student.

It takes 90 credits to get an AA or 2 years.

<u>World Class Scholars</u> – Local scholarship that is offered by GH College available for students that attended high schools in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. They have to have a 3.0 GPA at the time of graduation. They have up to 2 years to use the scholarship after graduation (\$2,000).

<u>WA Student Achievement Council (WSAC)</u> – Information was discussed on a College Knowledge Guide that walks students and parents through the process and peripheral skills necessary for post-secondary education.

<u>Military</u> – Army recruiters – Many questions were asked regarding basic training and the test necessary to be accepted into the military.

Go to march2success.com to find information that will help students prepare for the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). This is a free application. If you do this, it will not put your name on a list for recruitment.

<u>Grays Harbor Youth Works</u> – They have internship opportunities in our area. This was started by Dr. Doreen Cato working with the North Beach High School, 6 years ago. Students are mentored by a business. There are currently 63 business in Grays Harbor that offer internships. They also do resume workshops. Eligible ages are 15-19.

Next Meeting – February 5, 2020