

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### ***Q: Why do students come to WLHS?***

**A:** Most students come to WLHS because something is not working for them in their current school setting and they recognize a need to change how they are receiving their high school education. This could be due to academic needs, need for more structure, a smaller classroom environment, or simply the need for more one-on-one attention.

### ***Q: What "type" of students attend WLHS?***

**A:** WLHS serves students who want to be successful in life and are willing to get the additional support they need to reach their goals.

### ***Q: What is the length of the school day?***

**A:** Classes take place Monday through Thursday. Winter Lakes is open from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Students are scheduled to a length of time that meets their educational needs.

### ***Q: What is the academic calendar?***

**A:** The 2011-2012 academic calendar is the same as Coquille High School, from September 6, 2011 to June 13, 2012.

### ***Q: How do students enroll and start going to WLHS?***

**A:** Contact the principal or superintendent of the high school of your attendance area for an admission session. If you need assistance with this process, you can call Tony Jones, Winter Lakes High School principal at 541-290-4082.

### ***Q: Can students attend WLHS if they live outside the Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers or Bandon school districts?***

**A:** You currently need to live within these districts to attend WLHS. If you live elsewhere, contact your local high school administration to discuss the possibility of attending WLHS.

### ***Q: What if the student is on an Individualized Education Plan?***

**A:** Your local school district will arrange for a change of placement.

### ***Q: Do you serve Talented and Gifted (TAG) students?***

**A:** Yes. Winter Lakes offers a wide array of classes. Many classes are in high interest areas for students and there are several classes that provide advanced levels in the high school curriculum.

### ***Q: Do you offer GED?***

**A:** Yes, GED preparation is available to students who are too old to

reasonably earn a diploma before the age of 21. Testing takes place and Southwest Oregon Community College and GED recipients are encouraged to seek scholarships to continue their education at SWOCC.

***Q: Do students earn a high school diploma?***

**A:** Yes. WLHS students who complete the required amount of credits will initially be awarded diplomas through their local high school.

***Q: Is there a cost for tuition?***

**A:** No. Winter Lakes High School is a public school within the Coquille School District. There is no tuition.

***Q: Do you provide credit recovery programs?***

**A:** Yes. WLHS offers credit recovery for courses previously taken unsuccessfully.

***Q: What should students bring to the admission session?***

**A:** A parent, guardian or adult advocate. It is also important that students are on time for the admission session.

***Q: What is the admission process?***

**A:** The process begins at the local high school. Students will then be contacted, given a brief program overview including WLHS policies and an intake interview will be scheduled. Until admitted to WLHS, attendance is still mandatory at the local high school.

***Q: Following the intake interview, when will I find out if I was accepted?***

**A:** We generally make admission decisions no more than one week after the intake interview and will call all participants regarding their status.

***Q: Do WLHS students attend college?***

**A:** Yes. WLHS seniors may have the opportunity to attend college classes while still attending high school. WLHS will create a Personalized Learning Plan that will include your Transition Plan to prepare you to achieve goals beyond high school.

***Q: Does WLHS provide transportation to school?***

**A:** Yes, when school bus schedules can connect to get a student to WLHS. Transportation arrangements will be discussed during the admission process and determined when the student is accepted into the school.

***Q: Can a student participate in sports and extra-curricular activities with their local high school while enrolled in WLHS?***

A: Yes, but all eligibility requirements of the local high school must met.

**Q: Can home schooled students be enrolled in WLHS?**

A: Yes, WLHS offers a wide variety of courses.