

# SOUTH WASHINGTON ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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## ***SWAHS GRADING SYSTEM***

SWAHS does not issue letter grades. Progress is recognized in units. The student must earn 60 units to earn one credit. The following are important items to know about SWAHS's grading system:

- \* Students are required to earn 30 units to receive .5 credit for each half trimester per class.
- \* If a student earns between 25 and 29 units in a course, per half trimester, they have up through the following trimester to complete it independently.
- \* If a student earns between 0-24 units as of the end of the half trimester they will receive an "NC" (NO CREDIT) for that trimester (losing all units earned).
- \* April 30th begins the Part 2 grading period.
- \* June 7th is the end of the Part 2 Grading period.
- \* For each day of school, a student should earn 1 unit in each course.

During the duration of the trimester he/she may earn a total of six credits.

Please call 651-425-7017 if you have any questions regarding the grading system.

## **Feed My Starving Children Field Trip**

**On May 24, 2019 the South Washington Alternative H. S. students will participate in a field trip to Feed My Starving Children. We will have one group attending in the afternoon. Parents, the permission slips will be coming home soon for you to sign. After completion please remind your student to return the permission slips as soon as possible. The students will work in the morning getting caught up on their units. This is a very important day for our students; one in which they will help themselves by getting caught up in school work and one in which they will have the opportunity to help others while volunteering at Feed My Starving Children.**

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Summer School will be held at the AHS from June 17<sup>th</sup>- June 28<sup>th</sup>. Advisors will be meeting with students to review attendance policies and discuss registration options in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions concerning Summer School, please contact our counselor, Kate at [kjenkins@sowashco.org](mailto:kjenkins@sowashco.org) or 651-425-7004.

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## ***SWAHS GRADUATION INFORMATION***

Students are welcome to join their home school in their formal graduation. Information on the times and dates of the ceremony, practice and cap/gown distribution are available on the home school websites.

### **SWAHS Graduation Information:**

- SWAHS's Graduation Ceremony is Wednesday June 5, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the school gymnasium. All guests are welcome.
- Caps/gowns will be distributed on the day of graduation.
- The gown must be returned before graduates will receive their diploma.
- Only students that are finished with all credits are able to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Check out the SWAHS website for more detailed graduation information.

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

**April 26, 2019**  
Mid Trimester III—30 units

**May 1, 2019**  
Conferences 4:00 pm—6:30 pm

**May 2, 2019**  
Open House 4:00 pm—6:00 pm

**May 27, 2019**  
Memorial Day—No School

**June 5, 2019**  
SWAHS Graduation—3:00 pm

**June 7, 2019**  
End of Trimester III  
Last Day of School

**June 17<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
Summer School at AHS

## Schoology—what is it?

There are changes coming ; including standards based student evaluations and moving to a new online portal known as Schoology that staff at AHS have been asked to assist in their development before becoming school wide. A handful of AHS teachers have developed a Schoology classroom that students can use as part of the Learning Management System (LMS) that District 833 has adopted. While at first glance it looks similar to the familiar teacher websites found on Google Classroom that all AHS staff currently use, Schoology has advanced features that increase student engagement will help provide learning opportunities beyond the seat in the classroom. Teachers will be able to differentiate learning for each student by assigning assessments, tests and quizzes to individual students instead of one common test. Also, teachers will be able to reinforce standards by ensuring individual mastery of one before a student moves onto the next standards by locking and unlocking content. It allows for communication online as the site allows documents to be shared in real time with comment features for both students and staff. Finally, students will no longer have to use different tools for grades or assignments as Schoology will have a linked gradebook, calendar of due dates, and all of the resources necessary to complete tasks all on the same site.

### *OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVERS*

The SWAHS offers an incentive program to students that earn their goal units for the period (30 or 60) in a minimum of 5 out of 6 classes and 6 out of 6 classes.. The following students have earned 30 units for Mid Trimester III.

#### 5/6

Carter Gibbons  
Jacob Morales  
Makina Reyez  
Raigen Shaffer  
Tyler Stumbo  
Vidced Thor  
Diamond Williams

#### 6/6

Josh Aegerter	Damian Clayton
Susan Ayers	Jenna Groneau
Emma Ferguson	Alijah LeCour
Chloe Brown	Bailey Lotsberg
Adam Burnell	Mercedes Mulloy
Michelle Baig	Shelby Whitmore

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE MID TRIMESTER III

Jacob Morales

#### NOTICE

**If your  
graduating  
senior plans to  
walk through the  
graduation  
ceremony of his/  
her home  
school, all  
course work  
must be  
completed no  
later than the  
end of the day  
Wednesday, May  
29, 2019.**