

# Whiteriver Unified School District No. 20

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## Parent & Community Newsletter

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WUSD Families,

After two years of not issuing school letter grades, on October 31, 2022 the Arizona Department of Education released the 2021-2022 A-F School Letter Grades for all public schools statewide. These reports provide information about student achievement, college and career readiness, student growth and other key areas of interest to families and the general public. We are pleased to share our letter grades with the Whiteriver community as we work to recover from the impacts of the pandemic and ensure our students have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. The following are the letter grades for our schools.

Alcheyay High School	Canyon Day Jr High	Cradleboard Elementary	Seven Mile Elementary	Whiteriver Elementary
D	D	B	C	C

Our goal as schools and as a district is to increase student achievement by providing grade-level instruction, targeted intervention and frequent monitoring of growth. Each school has set specific goals for attendance, reading and math achievement. Principals will share improvement efforts throughout the school year during PAC meetings.

As parents, you play a very important role in helping your child, our schools and our district meet our goal of increasing student achievement. Please ensure that your child is at school every day; encourage your child to do their very best every day; monitor your child's grades and progress and celebrate growth.

I am proud of the work of our teachers, support staff and students as they continue to put forth their best efforts. I am confident that if we continue to work together, we will see improvement across the district. Together we can make a difference for our children and our community!

Superintendent Leeann Lacapa

**Our Mission**  
WUSD, together with community, will empower all students to achieve their highest potential, graduating prepared for college and careers.

**Our Core Values**  
Schools are for Children  
Schools Belong to the Community  
Schools are People Developers  
Self-Effort Educates

**Governing Board**  
President Michael Tate  
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**Superintendent**  
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**Alcheyay High School**  
Principal Christine McCabe  
AP/AD Justin Flowers  
AP/CTE Laurel Endfield

**Canyon Day Junior High**  
Principal Darcy Helle  
AP/AD Brianna Endfield

**Cradleboard Elementary**  
Principal William Beach

**Seven Mile Elementary**  
Principal Misty Cook-Goseyun

**Whiteriver Elementary**  
Principal Bonnie Kasey



### WUSD Winter Break

**December 23 - January 6**

**School resumes on January 9, 2023**

***Wishing our students, staff and community a wonderful Holiday Season!***

## Community Health and Student Wellness

Fall and winter months bring the holiday season which means holiday travel and family gatherings. After several weeks of inactivity with COVID-19, we are starting to see cases within our schools. Although there is no cause for immediate concern we want to encourage students to wash their hands frequently, be mindful of social distancing, and to stay home if not feeling well. Masking is optional and we encourage parents discuss this option with your children. District leadership closely monitors COVID-19 activity within our schools as well as communicates with county and local health officials regarding our community health. The COVID Dashboard on the district website provides the number of reported staff and student positive cases and is updated every two weeks.

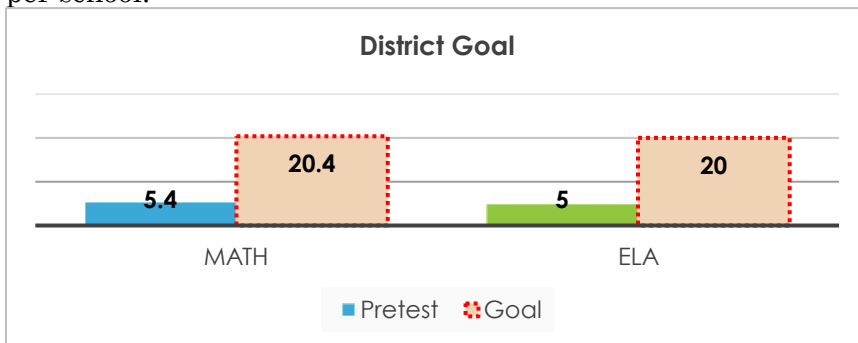
### District Student Achievement Goals

Within the first few weeks of the school year, schools administered a pretest to all students. This test contains all the essential skills and standards of the subject and serves as a starting point for monitoring student growth throughout the year. Before winter break, students will take a mid-year test which will help monitor how students are progressing toward learning the essential skills and standards. And at the end of the year they will take a posttest. The pre and post tests will be used to show how much a student learned from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

Schools set goals based on the pretest, typically the goal is to improve by 15%. Similarly, the district has set a student achievement goal for English and Math based on the pretest data from all 5 schools combined. Our district goals are:

**Math Achievement for All Students** (1,843 students tested)  
**Increase Proficient/Mastery by 15% from 5.4% on the pretest to 20.4% on the post test.** To meet this goal **275** additional students must reach Proficient/Mastery on the posttest. This is about 55 students per school.

**ELA Achievement for All Students** (2,009 students tested)  
**Increase Proficient/Mastery by 15% from 5% on the pretest to 20% on the post test.** To meet this goal **300** additional students must reach Proficient/Mastery on the posttest. This is about 60 students per school.



School and district leaders are working collaboratively to meet these goals. This work will help improve our school letter grades. We believe in our students and teachers! The next issue will give an update based on the mid-year test data.

### Construction Update

It is hard not to notice the work being done on the Alchesay baseball and softball fields. Coming this spring, AHS will have newly renovated turf fields, including new bleachers, dugouts and batting cages!

These renovation projects are one of many going on throughout the district. Other projects include:

- New playground equipment at all 3 elementary schools
- New outdoor basketball courts and outdoor equipment at CDJH
- Roof repairs at SME and CDJH
- 4 Modular classrooms at AHS to accommodate their growing population
- Iron rod fencing at the district office and AHS fields
- New Fitness building on AHS campus
- New press box and track at the AHS football field
- New teacher housing units
- New boiler in the Activity Center-due to supply chain issues this has been delayed and we hope to have a nice tasty gym soon.

Tune into the monthly Governing Board Work Study sessions to hear the construction update.

### **Important Schedule Reminders:**

**All WUSD schools are on a 4-day school week. All schools and district offices are closed to the public on Fridays.**