

“LANCER” TIPS FOR SUCCESS
(a bit of parental encouragement)

- L** **LISTEN** to your student. Your child needs you more than they know or will ever admit! Your engagement will shift from solving problems for them to helping them solve the problem with your guidance.
- A** **ASK QUESTIONS OR FOR ASSISTANCE** from your student’s teachers, counselor, front office staff or our graduation advocate.
- N** **NAVIGATE INFINITE CAMPUS** at least once a week (both parent and student). Any more than once a week can feel overwhelming. Try to limit it to a weekly check in for missing assignments and grade checks.
- C** **CURTAIN USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA** and know who your child’s friends are!
- E** **EXPECT EXCELLENCE** in academics and behavior. Check the McQueen website regularly (<http://www.washoeschools.net/mcqueen>). The daily announcements are posted as well as information about athletics, clubs, course offerings, etc. Review the first eight pages of the McQueen Course Offerings Book for important information on graduation requirements and the various diploma options for your student.
- R** **READY FOR COLLEGE/CAREER?** Help your child explore options **NOW** by attending the WACAC College Fair. Also, check out McQueen’s College and Career Center (room 401) for even more resources on future planning!

A few things to keep on your radar:

The grade report that comes home at nine weeks is a “progress report”. Know that progress report grades are not reflected on the FINAL high school transcript. **Only semester grades are reported on the transcript.** During the course of the semester, your student may receive an Academic Warning if his/her grade drops below a passing grade of “D.” But fear not! The Academic Warning is just a way of notifying students and parents that extra attention needs to be paid to a certain class. We want to ensure that contact is being made with the teacher and a plan of action develops. If the progress report has low grades, your student will still have time to improve those grades before the semester ends in December. The second semester will end in June.

We believe one of the most important tasks for freshmen students is getting into a routine and **getting school work done in a timely manner and not missing any assignments or homework.** Over and over, it can be shown that students who have all class and homework assignments completed do better on quizzes and tests. Thus, their learning improves and grades are higher. They start to feel more independent and successful!

We cannot stress enough the **importance of attendance.** WCSD has a 90% attendance policy. If your student has to miss school, please make sure he/she is talking with the teacher to turn-in/complete any work missed while away. Please also make sure to contact the attendance office. 775-746-5880

Once the first semester gets underway, students may find they are struggling in a particular class. Our first question to the student is always “Have you talked with your teacher about your concerns?” McQueen has a team of fantastic teachers who are more than willing to provide extra help and support to students, but the **student has to be willing to ask for help and take advantage of the extra help**

offered. Many teachers are available at lunch and either before and/or after school (students should check with their individual teachers). We understand that starting high school can be a little bit intimidating and we are more than happy to help facilitate the process of getting your student extra help, so please, do not hesitate to ask!

Parents should be checking Infinite Campus at least once a week-it will provide you your student's grades, attendance, and missing assignments. If you have not logged into Infinite Campus yet or are having problems logging in, please contact Angie Kirk (AKirk@washoeschools.net). Please continue to regularly monitor your student's progress so that any difficulties or problems can be addressed immediately!

At McQueen, academics are our number one priority; however, we absolutely **encourage you to help your student maintain a balance of fun activities and school-related responsibilities**. Hopefully your student explores more about some of the clubs, sports and student organizations that McQueen has to offer. Check out the McQueen website for details about our clubs and sports (www.washoeschools.net/mcqueen). **The more a student becomes involved and connected with school activities, the more school becomes a positive experience!**

Please contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns.

Here is to a great freshman year! Go Lancers!!