

## ARE YOU ON THE LIST?

If you are involved in any way with Kamiah Public Schools, you have likely heard about “The List.” The students tend to groan at any mention of it, because they have come to find out that if their name is added to it, their personal time is influenced. If you are a parent, grandparent, or guardian of a student here at KMS/KHS, there are a few things that you should be aware of.

The teachers at Kamiah Middle and High School spend an enormous amount of personal time maintaining a school-wide missing assignment list as they implement the ICU program. When a student misses an assignment, they are placed on a list electronically shared by all staff members. Once a student’s name goes on the list, they are notified to report for study time (at lunch) with the teacher. Students know the only way to get off the list is to spend the extra time with the classroom teacher and get the assignment turned in.

One of the largest misconceptions about “The List” is that it is unfair to hold students accountable for assignments that they turn in late. For example, if a student misses their assignment on Monday, and they turn it in Tuesday morning, some believe that the students shouldn’t have to spend any extra time during lunch on Tuesday because the assignment has already been turned in. One of the largest complaints from local, state, and nationwide employers is that young workers are coming to them with no concept of the importance of completing tasks on time.

In life, when something isn’t done on time, there is a natural consequence. If you pay a bill late, if you fail to return a movie on time, if you show up to your job late, there are fees and penalties waiting for you. Students must leave high school understanding that it is important to do things to the best of their abilities while abiding by due dates.

“The List” only matters to those who do not comply with the reasonable request of turning in their assignments on time. During the first semester prior to the implementation of the program, 626 assignments went uncollected. Student grades were suffering because of the number of missing assignments, leaving gigantic gaps not only in points, but (more importantly) also in content knowledge.

Students are no longer allowed to “opt out” of learning by simply taking a zero. Our goal is to have every assignment collected from each student. Please help us by connecting with your student(s), and letting them know that you support our efforts to have them complete every assignment every time.