

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING "ICU"

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*By now, you have most likely heard from your student(s) attending Kamiah Middle and/or High School that a new program has been implemented to assist them in their efforts to stay caught up on their coursework. As a parent, you might find yourself wanting to know more, and you might also want to know how to talk to your student(s) about the new changes being made. Below is a quick guide that will help you and your student(s) navigate the new expectations:*

- Check PowerSchool every day if possible. (If you don't have your students PowerSchool login information, please contact the school secretary Terry Law High School 208-935-4067, or Lydia Bremer Middle School 208-935-4040.) Speak with your student about any missing work that you find, and let them know that they need to get it turned in as soon as possible.
- Don't be afraid of communicating with teachers through phone or email. When a student misses an assignment, you will be receiving a call from their teacher advisor. Take that opportunity to discuss additional options in helping your student(s) stay caught up. The teachers and staff members are here to help your student(s) in any way possible, so please use them as a resource when needed.
- Realize that this isn't about punishment or detentions. All individuals involved with Kamiah Public Schools have no desire to make learning an unpleasant experience. Students with missing work aren't in "trouble" they just need extra time to get caught up. We will provide them with as much extra time as they need, but we are bound by a traditional school day, so our options are before and after school, as well as lunch. Your student is welcome to attend any before and/or after school option as needed, but the lunch session will be mandatory until their work is turned in.
- There will be one designated afternoon each month in which students who are caught up completely will be able to participate in an incentive activity. There will not be any warning about when this day is carried out due to the fact that students should be caught up throughout the ICU process. Students that have any missing work will be required to attend a study hall until all of their work is turned in, in a condition found satisfactory by the classroom teacher who assigned the work.
- Be proactive about student absences. If you know that your student is going to be out of school, please contact their teachers ahead of time, and let them know that your student(s) is going to be absent. When a student misses school, they miss time with their classroom teacher. They will need to be prepared to spend at least one lunch

period with their teachers to get caught up upon their return to school. We are completely committed to helping our students catch up after an absence.

- When needed, students can be taken from their electives (or other courses with teacher approval), and placed in a study hall during the school day to finish up missing work. This will generally happen when students have fallen far behind in a specific subject, or if they have missing work that is over two weeks old. However, the building principal can take students from elective (or core with teacher approval) courses when any assignments for any courses are missing.