



# W.A. Perry Middle School

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Hello Perry Eagles,

We hope that you are having successful 2020-2021 school year! We want to make sure that you are utilizing the many resources that we are providing for you. We offer extra tutoring during the teachers' office hours in the morning and afternoon. The designated office hours are from 8:10 am-8:40 am and 3:00 pm-3:45 pm. On Mondays and Fridays from 4:00 pm-6:00pm, we adopted the 21<sup>st</sup> century program that allows you to attend afternoon tutoring. We encourage you to take the opportunity to use these resources for extra academic support.

A short video is attached to this email about the Student Acceptable Policy (AUP) by our Superintendent, Dr. Craig Witherspoon. The video can also be found on the schools website. Please watch the video so that you can understand the District's policy regarding your laptop, district email, and chat room usage.

We want to highlight a few **key points** from the Student Acceptable Use Policy video:

- Internet and email addresses (chat rooms) provided by our district are to be used for **school purposes only**.
- All of the documents and messages that you can create on a district computer/network can be viewed and monitored by the district staff. You are expected to use appropriate language when using the devices. (The network flags any verbiage that is associated with profanity, fighting, weapons, threats, drugs, alcohol, gang activity, violence, bullying and sexual content.) If any phrases are recognized, the district notifies the principal with the message and name of the student/students involved.
- As stated by Dr. Witherspoon, "**Violation of the AUP could lead to the loss of student network privileges or possibly more serious consequences.**"

We are urging you to focus on your school work during this pandemic and use your device for school purposes only.

The Information Technology (IT) Department will provide technical support to all staff, students, and parents of Richland School District One. The IT Support Team can be reached by calling 803-231-7436. This number will be active Monday through Friday from the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.