WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM POLICIES

SECTION I - PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Enrichment Program is to allow Walker River Tribal members the opportunity to enhance their skills and enrich their lives by attending higher education classes on a part-time basis or to complete their high school education.

SECTION II - ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be:

1. An enrolled member, certified with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

SECTION III - DETERMINATION:

1. Students previously on the Higher Education program may be eligible for the Enrichment Program.

2. The responsibility of determining an applicant's eligibility shall lie with the WPRT Education Director.

3. Students in good standing upon leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will be in good standing upon entering the Enrichment Program.

4. Students on academic probation when leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will continue to be on academic probation upon entering the Enrichment Program. The student will remain on academic probation until such time as they have fulfilled the requirements to be off academic probation or have been suspended from the program. (Refer to Section V - Academic Probation or Suspension.)

5. Students on Academic Suspension upon leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will not be eligible for funding under the Enrichment Program until such time as they

have fulfilled suspension requirements. (Refer to Section V - Academic Probation or Suspension.)

SECTION IV – STANDARDS OF GRANT APPLICATION & FUNDING

1. Enrichment funding is dependent upon the availability of funds.

2. Up to nine (9) credits will be paid for including lab fees – maximum of $525.00 per semester.

3. Students who have paid for their tuition will be reimbursed upon submission of documentation of proof of payment. (Documentation may vary from school to school.)

4. Letters of Authorization from the WRPT Education Director can be provided to the student upon request.

5. Students may be eligible for book costs up to $100.00 per class if funding is available. Reimbursement will be on a first-come first-served basis. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement.

6. Students must submit grades or certificates of completion before receiving additional funding. GPA must be 2.0 or higher. Should a student not meet the 2.0 GPA, he/she will then be placed on academic probation. (Refer to Section V - Academic Probation or Suspension.)

7. Deadline for applications are the following:
   A. Fall Semester – August 10
   B. Spring Semester – December 15

SECTION V – ACADEMIC PROBATION OR SUSPENSION:

1. A student who does not meet the minimum academic requirement for one term will be funded on academic probation during the next term.
   a. Academic Probation Requirement: Student will be required to receive a 2.0 or higher GPA on college credits equivalent to that amount that was lost that resulted in being placed on academic probation.
   b. Notification of this action will be made to the student by letter but the lack of a letter will not negate the action. If substantial

progress is not made during probationary period, the student's Tribal funding may be suspended.

2. Once a student's Tribal funding has been suspended, the student will not be considered for funding **UNTIL** the student, through other funding sources, earns a minimum of college credits equivalent to what was previously funded for and lost, earning a 2.0 or higher GPA.

3. After a student reinstates his/her Tribal funding by fulfilling the requirements, he/she will continue to be eligible for funding as long as he/she maintains the academic requirements stipulated by the program.

4. Special circumstances may be considered by the Board of Education on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION VI – APPEAL PROCEDURES

RIGHT TO A HEARING

Upon filing a written request as provided herein, a participant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board of Education.

DEFINITIONS

1. A participant is defined as anyone participating in a program or funding sponsored by the WRPT Education Department.

2. Appeal or complaint is defined as any dispute with respect to the WRPT Education Department regulations, guidelines, or procedures, which affects the rights, duties, welfare or status of the participant.

PROCEDURE PRIOR TO A HEARING

Any appeal or complaint shall be presented in writing to the Education Director so that the appeal may be informally discussed and settled without a hearing. The appeal or complaint must be signed by the participant and filed with the Education Director.

If the appeal is not resolved informally, then the complaint will be heard by the WRPT Board of Education.

PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A HEARING

Request for a Hearing: The complainant shall submit a written request for a hearing to the Education Director and be heard within twenty (20) days or next regular meeting (whichever occurs first) after receipt of such request.

THE HEARING

1. The Hearing shall be held within twenty (20) days or next regular meeting (whichever occurs first) by the WRPT Board of Education.

2. If the complainant fails to appear or make himself/herself available by phone at a scheduled hearing, the WRPT Board of Education may make a determination that the complainant has waived his/her right to a hearing. The complainant shall be notified in writing of such a determination.

DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. The decision of the WRPT Board of Education shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the Hearing.

2. The WRPT Board of Education shall prepare a written decision, together with the reasons within twenty (20) days after the Hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the student and a copy will be kept on file.

FINAL DECISION

1. The final decision shall lie with the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
2. Request for a Hearing: The complainant shall submit a written request for a final hearing to the Tribal Council Secretary and be heard within twenty (20) days or next regular meeting (whichever occurs first) after receipt of such request.
3. The decision of the Walker River Tribal Council shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented at the Hearing.
4. The Walker River Tribal Council shall prepare a written decision, together with the reasons within twenty (20) days after the Hearing. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the student and a copy will be kept on file.

SECTION VII - GED OR CORRESPONDENCE PAYBACK PROGRAM:

1. Walker River Paiute Tribal members seeking their GED may have their GED test fees paid for through the Enrichment program.
   a. Payback for each test fee will be hours of Community Service to be determined by the WRPT Education Director.

2. Students needing correspondence courses to obtain their high school diploma may have their courses paid for by the Enrichment program one class at a time.
   a. Payback for each correspondence course will be Community Service paid back at a rate of $10 per hour and will equal the cost of the course.*

3. Students that do not follow through with the payback will not be eligible for further funding through any WRPT Education program.

4. Students that do not successfully pass their GED test or successfully complete their correspondence course will not be eligible for further funding until they can successfully complete said test or course at their own expense.

5. Special circumstances may be considered by the WRPT Board of Education on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the Appeal Procedures.

*EXAMPLE: Course Cost: $120 = 12 hours of Community Service