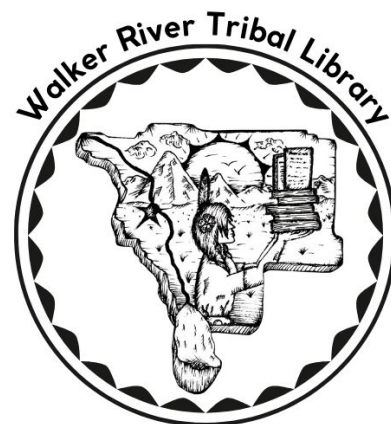
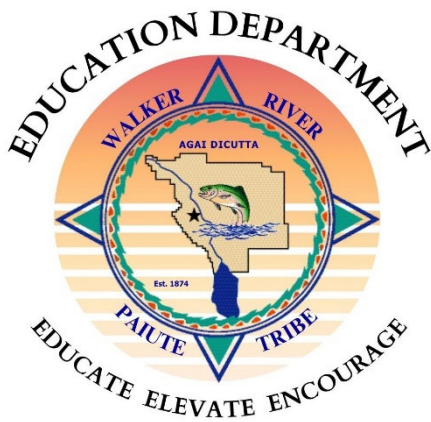
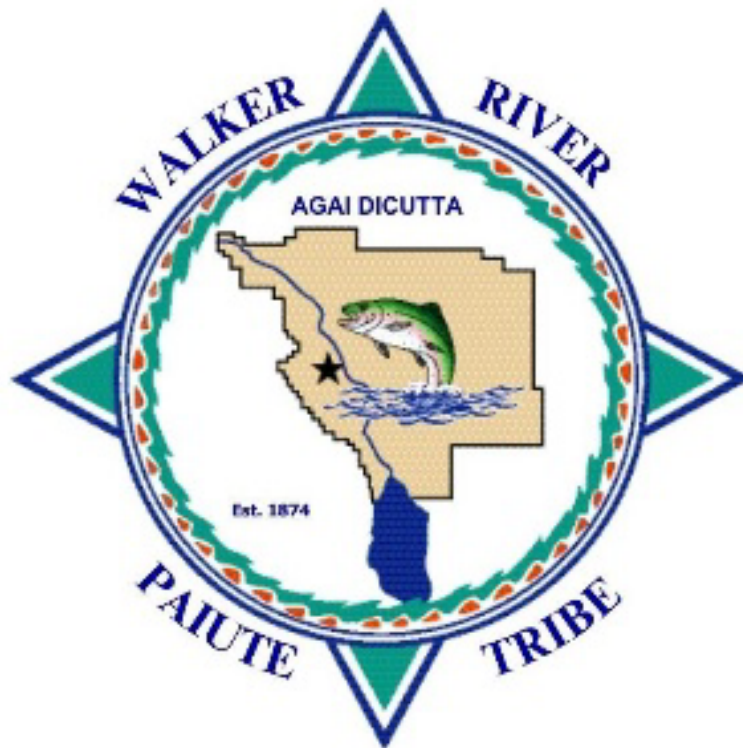


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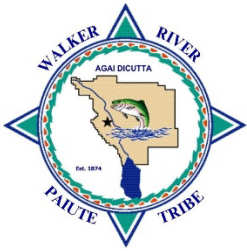


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SECTION 1 HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

1.1 – PURPOSE:

The Higher Education Grant Program is a financial program based on the need to provide educational opportunities for Walker River Paiute Tribal members to attend a higher education institution. The program's funding criteria are based on the Walker River Paiute Tribe's annual funding agreement with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This program is designed to offer support and guidance to Walker River Paiute Tribal members in attaining a higher education.

Students must be entering or continuing with their post-secondary education at the undergraduate level and require financial support.

1.2 – ELIGIBILITY:

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

- A. An enrolled member, certified with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.
- B. Students may be eligible for funding for up to five (5) years (10 semesters).
- C. Any student receiving higher education funds may not be eligible to receive AVT or Enrichment funding in the same funding cycle.

1.3 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- A. No member of the WRPT Board of Education shall participate in any decision-making procedure involving a specific person who is a member of his/her immediate family (spouse, domestic partner, son, daughter, father, mother, sister, or brother), or in any matter that otherwise involves a conflict of interest.
- B. Board members shall refrain from any actions involving family members that may be construed as a conflict of interest.
- C. It is the sole right and responsibility of any Board of Education or Education personnel to disclose any potential conflict of interest.

1.4 – DETERMINATION:

- A. The WRPT Education Director shall have the responsibility for determining an applicant's eligibility for funding.
- B. Eligible students who demonstrate a financial need, as stated herein, are eligible for funding.

1.5 – STANDARDS OF GRANT APPLICATION AND FUNDING:

Contingent upon the amount of funds made available to the Walker River Paiute Tribe, eligible students will be funded according to the following policies. Annually allocated Tribal education funding will be divided equally in half for the academic year starting the Fall semester and ending the following Spring semester, to distribute funding fairly and equitably for eligible applicants.

- A. Applicants will be funded based on a completed application consisting of:
 1. A Higher Education Grant application.
 2. A letter of acceptance from the college or university, or proof of enrollment.
 3. A Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) completed by the college financial aid officer documenting financial need.
 4. Must have a signed FERPA release.
 5. Completed and signed W-9 for student check payments.
- B. A continuing student must submit an unofficial grade transcript.
- C. High school diploma or GED.
- D. Proof of Tribal membership. (New student)

1.6 – DEADLINES:

The Higher Education Grant application deadlines and related calendar of events are as follows:

Fall Semester

- **Third Friday of July, by 5:00 p.m. (PDT) – Students’ deadline for applying.**
- Due to the summer break, the Education Department will accept the **Financial Needs Analysis** form from schools/institutions **no later than August 1st**.
- The Board of Education shall hold a special meeting to review and approve applications within five business days of the August 1st deadline.
- Letters of notification will be sent on or before August 10th to all applicants approving or denying higher education funding.

Spring Semester

- **December 15th - Deadline for submitting a completed application.**
- The Board of Education shall review and approve applications during its December regular meeting.
- Letters of notification will be sent on or before December 23rd to all applicants approving or denying higher education funding.
- Due to a new funding year, Spring award payments will be processed after January 1st.

All continuing students must reapply for the Higher Education Grant each semester by the deadline.

1.7– CALCULATION OF AWARD:

The calculation process of the award for applicants is based on a Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) and the Unmet Need.

$$\text{Total Expenses} - \text{Total Resources} = \text{Unmet Need}$$

Total Expenses: Tuition/Fees, Room/Board, Books/Supplies, and transportation.

Total Resources: Pell Grant, other grants, and scholarships.

Calculation of the Award:

The college Financial Aid Officer (FAO) completes the Tribes' Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) form, which represents the school's recommendation for funding for the Higher Education Program. Full-time status or a minimum of 12 credits is required to receive funding.

Funding areas to be considered for Higher Education: (maximum allowed per semester)

1. Tuition and fees. (\$7,500 maximum allowed)
2. Books, materials, and supplies. (\$2,000 maximum allowed)
3. Room and Board. (\$4,800.00 maximum allowed)
4. Transportation. (\$2,000.00 maximum allowed)

Expenses will be limited to the maximum amounts stated above only. Resources will include Pell grants, state grants or awards, and other scholarships. Student resources will not include parents' or students' expected family contribution, student work-study, loans, or other items requiring payback.

EXPENSES		RESOURCES	
Tuition	\$7,500	Pell	\$2,500
Room/Board	\$2,000	Scholarship	<u>\$ 750</u>
Books/Supplies	\$4,800		\$3,250
Transportation	<u>\$2,000</u>		
	\$16,300		
		EXPENSES	\$16,300
		RESOURCES	<u>- \$3,250.00</u>
		UNMET NEED	\$13,050.00

Total of all students' unmet needs divided by the amount allocated for that semester = percentage of funding to be provided.

Example: If the total of all students' unmet needs is \$100,000 and the amount of funding to be provided for the semester is \$20,000, then the percentage of funding to be provided would be calculated as:

\$100,000 divided by \$20,000 = 20%

The student example provided above showed an unmet need of \$3,750. This student would receive:

\$3,750 unmet need x 20% = \$750.00

Students eligible for **NSHE Fee Waiver funds will only have them applied to Room/Board, Books/Supplies, and Transportation. Tuition will not be covered.*

1.8 – FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

It is the student's responsibility to follow through with the Financial Needs Analysis form to be completed by their school. Students may contact their school's financial aid office to be sure their financial aid file is complete. At the latest, this is recommended to be completed one full month before the Higher Education deadlines.

1.9 – DISBURSEMENTS:

- A. **Payment Methods:** The Higher Education grant awards will be made by a check/ACH payment directly to the Financial Aid Office of the student's enrolled institution. The Agai Dicutta Scholarship award will be made by a check payable to the student. *(See Agai Dicutta Scholarship Policy for more information)* Students will not be allowed to collect their school checks, as they are payable to the school, not the student.
- B. **School/University Disbursement:** In the letter to the school, instructions are provided to credit the grant funds towards the student's tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board, if applicable. Any remaining balance is paid directly to the student for other educational expenses. If the school is unable to pay out excess funds to the student, the check must be returned to the Tribe, and the amount will be reissued to the student by the Tribe.
- C. **Annual Timeframe:** Funding is disbursed by semester (twice a year).

1.10 – ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT:

The following requirement for academic progress will be used to determine continuation of funding under the Tribal Higher Education Grants Program:

A student must notify the Education Director in writing immediately upon electing not to proceed with his/her courses or at any time the student is dismissed or disenrolled from school. The student is responsible for filing with the Education Director a notice of withdrawal from the school. Failure to provide this notice may adversely affect future funding.

1. All students will maintain a minimum of 2.0 grade point average (GPA) for at least 12 credit hours per semester/ quarter.
2. Those earning less than a 2.0 GPA in one semester will then be placed on Academic Probation.

Students withdrawing or leaving school after funds have been distributed will automatically be suspended from the Higher Education Grants Program until they return or repay to the Tribe an equivalent dollar amount to what the student or the student's school received.

1.11– 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, resulting in being placed on academic probation.

- b. Notification of this action will be made to the student by letter; lack of notification does not negate the action. If substantial progress is not made during the probationary period, the student's Tribal funding will 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, and earns 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 if he/she maintains the academic requirements stipulated by the program.

1.12 – APPEAL PROCEDURES:

1) RIGHT TO A HEARING

- A. Upon filing a written request as provided herein, a participant is entitled to a hearing before the Board of Education.

2) DEFINITIONS

- A. A participant is defined as anyone participating in a program funded by the WRPT Education Department.
- B. An appeal or complaint is defined as any dispute with respect to the WRPT Education Department regulations, guidelines, or procedures that affect the rights, duties, welfare, or status of the participant.

3) THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A HEARING

- A. Any appeal or complaint must be in writing and signed by the participant and filed with the Education Director. After reviewing the appeal or complaint, a hearing before the Board of Education will be held within twenty (20) days or at the next regular Board of Education meeting (whichever comes first).

4) THE HEARING

- A. If the participant fails to appear or make himself/herself available by phone at a scheduled hearing, the WRPT Board of Education may decide that the participant has waived his/her right to a hearing. The participant will then be notified in writing of the result and determination.
- B. At the hearing, the participant will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Education to present the issues in his/her appeal/complaint and to state the participant's requested relief. The Education Department staff will also be given an opportunity to address the issues raised in the appeal/complaint.

5) DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. The decision of the Board of Education will be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the requested hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.

- B. The Board of Education shall prepare, in writing, its decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept on file.

6) FINAL DECISION

- A. If the participant is not satisfied with the Board of Education's decision after the hearing, the participant may appeal the decision to the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- B. A final decision on the matter will be determined by the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- C. Hearing Request: The participant shall submit a written request for a final hearing by the Tribal Council to the Tribal Council Secretary. The Tribal Council shall hold a hearing on the matter within twenty (20) days or by the next regular Tribal Council meeting (whichever occurs first), after receipt of such a request.
- D. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.
- E. The Tribal Council shall prepare a written decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept in the file.
- F. The Tribal Council's decision shall be final and not reviewable by any court or any other entity.

1.13 – AUDIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

- A. A minimum of 5 randomly chosen applicant files will be audited for accuracy by the WRPT Board of Education and the August and December board meetings in closed session. The audit is to take place before higher education funding can be released to applicants.
- B. The audit process will cover the entire funding cycle from grant application to receipt of funds.



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RESOLUTION NO. WR-06-2026

RE: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POLICY AMENDMENTS HIGHER EDUCATION & ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934, as amended, to exercise certain home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department provides financial assistance to eligible enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to enable them to attend accredited institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department provides the Adult Vocational Training (AVT) program to assist enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe in acquiring the necessary job skills for a satisfactory level of performance and full-time employment; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education has reviewed existing Education Department policies and determined that amendments are necessary to ensure clarity, consistency, accountability, and compliance with applicable regulations, and funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are intended to improve program administration, strengthen student support services, and promote educational and workforce success for Tribal members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Walker River Paiute Tribe hereby approves the proposed amendments to the Education Department policies, including the Higher Education and AVT policies; and

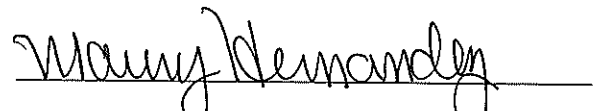
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education is authorized to implement, administer, and enforce the amended Education Department policies in accordance with applicable funding requirements; and

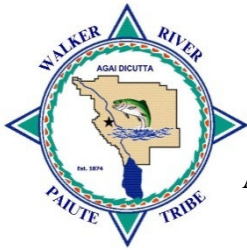
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all prior policies or provisions established by the Education Department that are inconsistent with these amendments are hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistencies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and remain in force until amended or rescinded by the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 12 day of February, 2026, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.


Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



SECTION 2

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING (AVT) GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

2.1 – PURPOSE:

The Adult Vocational Training Grant Program is to assist enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe in acquiring the necessary job skills for a satisfactory level of performance and full-time employment.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth procedures and requirements to govern the awarding of vocational education scholarships as administered by the Adult Vocational Education Grant Program.

2.2 – ELIGIBILITY:

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

1. A current enrolled member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe.
2. Applicants must provide documentation of tribal status.
3. Any student receiving Adult Vocational Training funds may not be eligible to receive Higher Education or Enrichment funding in the same funding cycle.

2.3 – DETERMINATION:

A. The applicant's eligibility will be determined by the Walker River Paiute Tribal Education Department.

- 1) Eligible students who demonstrate a financial need.
- 2) Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis:
 - a. 1st Quarter – December 15th deadline
 - b. 2nd Quarter – March 15th deadline
 - c. 3rd Quarter – June 15th deadline
 - d. 4th Quarter – September 15th deadline
- 3) The main criteria will be based on the availability of funds.
- 4) Funds cannot be used to pay debts that have already been incurred from previous semester(s).

2.4 – STANDARDS OF GRANT APPLICATION & FUNDING:

Contingent upon funding made available by the Walker River Paiute Tribe, eligible students will be funded accordingly.

A. Applicants will be funded based on a complete application, which consists of:

- 1) An Adult Vocational Training (AVT) Application on file.
- 2) A letter of acceptance from the vocational training school/program or proof of enrollment for a minimum of a 3-month program.

- 3) Provide documentation of financial need, which includes tuition, transportation, room/board, and books/supplies from the vocational training facility's financial office.
 - a. An official document from the adult vocational training institution referencing duration, cost, course, and other requirements.
 - b. High school diploma or GED
 - c. Applicants must have satisfactory standing within all Board of Education grant-funded programs under the Walker River Paiute Tribe.
 - d. Completed and signed the W-9 form for student check payments.
- 4) Continuing applicants must submit progress reports quarterly in order to remain in the program. Applicants are not eligible for new funding until 6 months after receiving any funding.

Grants will be awarded based on need and the availability of funding. Applicants may receive up to fifty percent (50%) of demonstrated need, not to exceed \$2,500 per semester or \$5,000 per year. Vocational training grants can be awarded for the length of the training program, not to exceed one (1) year, as long as the student demonstrates satisfactory progress.

2.5 – DISBURSEMENTS:

- A. **Payment Methods:** The AVT Grant awards will be made by a check/ACH payment directly to the Financial Aid Office of the student's enrolled institution. The Agai Dicutta Scholarship award will be made by a check payable to the student. (*See Agai Dicutta Scholarship Policy for more information*) Students will not be allowed to collect their school checks, as they are payable to the school, not the student.
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- C. **Annual Timeframe:** Funding is disbursed quarterly (four times a year).

2.6 - ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

The following requirements for academic progress will be used to determine continuation of funding under the Adult Vocational Training Program:

- 1) An applicant must maintain a minimum of 2.0 grade point average (GPA), if applicable, or satisfactory progress reports quarterly for the duration of the training program.
- 2) An applicant earning less than a satisfactory report or unsatisfactory attendance/compliance with program guidelines will not receive continued funding.
- 3) Failure to complete a program funded through the Adult Vocational Training Program will result in termination from the program. The applicant must pay back all funds awarded for that program before they can be eligible for future funding through any tribal education program.

2.7 – APPEAL PROCEDURES:

1) RIGHT TO A HEARING

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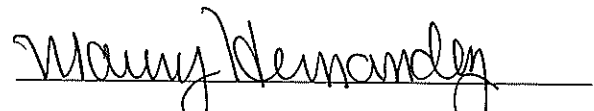
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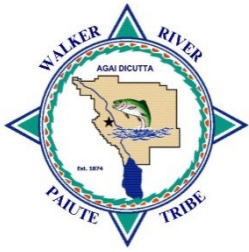
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Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



SECTION 3

ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

3.1 – 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, summer classes, PhD, or Master's Programs.

3.2 – ELIGIBILITY:

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

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

3.3 – DETERMINATION:

- A. Students previously in the Higher Education program may be eligible for the Enrichment Program. The responsibility of determining an applicant's eligibility lies with the WRPT Education Director. Students in good standing upon leaving another Walker River Paiute Tribal Education program will be in good standing upon entering the Enrichment Program.
- B. 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*)
- C. 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*).

3.4 – STANDARDS OF GRANT APPLICATION & FUNDING:

- A. Enrichment funding is dependent upon the availability of funds.
- B. Up to nine (9) credits will be paid for, including lab fees – a maximum of \$1,050 per semester.
- C. 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.)
- D. Students may be eligible for book costs up to \$125.00 per class if funding is available.
- E. Reimbursement will be on a first-come, first- served basis. Receipts must be provided for reimbursement.
- F. 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.)

- G. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis:
 - a. 1st Quarter – December 15th deadline
 - b. 2nd Quarter – March 15th deadline
 - c. 3rd Quarter – June 15th deadline
 - d. 4th Quarter – September 15th deadline
- H. Applicants are not eligible for new funding until six (6) months after receiving funding.

3.5 – 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, which 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 the 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 if 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.

3.6 – APPEAL PROCEDURES:

1) RIGHT TO A HEARING

- A. Upon filing a written request as provided herein, a participant is entitled to a hearing before the Board of Education.

2) DEFINITIONS

- A. A participant is defined as anyone participating in a program funded by the WRPT Education Department.
- B. An appeal or complaint is defined as any dispute with respect to the WRPT Education Department regulations, guidelines, or procedures that affect the rights, duties, welfare, or status of the participant.

3) THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A HEARING

- A. Any appeal or complaint must be in writing and signed by the participant and filed with the Education Director. After reviewing the appeal or complaint, a hearing before the

Board of Education will be held within twenty (20) days or at the next regular Board of Education meeting (whichever comes first).

4) THE HEARING

- A. If the participant fails to appear or make himself/herself available by phone at a scheduled hearing, the WRPT Board of Education may decide that the participant has waived his/her right to a hearing. The participant will then be notified in writing of the result and determination.
- B. At the hearing, the participant will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Education to present the issues in his/her appeal/complaint and to state the participant's requested relief. The Education Department staff will also be given an opportunity to address the issues raised in the appeal/complaint.

5) DECISION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. The decision of the Board of Education will be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the requested hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.
- B. The Board of Education shall prepare, in writing, its decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept on file.

6) FINAL DECISION

- A. If the participant is not satisfied with the Board of Education's decision after the hearing, the participant may appeal the decision to the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- B. A final decision on the matter will be determined by the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.
- C. Hearing Request: The participant shall submit a written request for a final hearing by the Tribal Council to the Tribal Council Secretary. The Tribal Council shall hold a hearing on the matter within twenty (20) days or by the next regular Tribal Council meeting (whichever occurs first), after receipt of such a request.
 - A. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be based solely and exclusively on the facts presented by both the participant and the Education Department at the hearing, and the applicable laws/regulations/policies governing the matter.
 - B. The Tribal Council shall prepare a written decision with the reasons for or against the participant's request within twenty (20) days after the hearing. A copy of the decision will be sent to the participant, and a copy will be kept in the file.
 - C. The Tribal Council's decision shall be final and not reviewable by any court or any other entity.



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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE RESOLUTION NO. WR-43-2023

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat. 984) as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe has the desire to promote higher education for the benefits for all tribal members through the Walker River Tribal higher Education Grants Program,

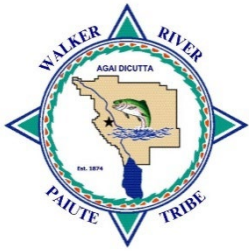
WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education has revised and submitted for approval the Higher Education Grant Policy, Agai Dicutta Scholarship, AVT Grant Policy and the Enrichment Grant Program.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council hereby approves the updated Higher Education Grant Program Policies.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 6, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 23rd day of May, 2023, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 5-FOR, 0-Against, and 0-ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section I(e), of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada, approved on March 26, 1937.


Gina L. Wachsmuth, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



SECTION 4

AGAI DICUTTA SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

4.1 – PURPOSE:

The scholarship is made available from tax revenues collected on the Walker River Paiute Reservation. Each year, the revenues vary, and each year, the amount allotted to the Education Department varies. This funding is contingent on the amount of business conducted on the reservation.

- A. The Agai Dicutta Scholarship is for the specified purpose of financially assisting eligible WRPT members who are enrolled in an accredited college, university, or recognized Adult Vocational Training program.
- B. The purpose of these policies is to set forth procedures and requirements to govern the awarding of the WRPT Agai Dicutta Scholarship as administered by the WRPT Education Department.

4.2 – QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be an enrolled member, certified with the Walker River Paiute Tribe.
2. Full-time (12 credits or more), Higher Education student or a full-time Adult Vocational Training (AVT) student.
3. A completed Agai Dicutta Scholarship Application.

4.3 DISBURSEMENT METHODS:

- A. Each yearly allotted tax dollars will be divided in half and disbursed for the Fall semester and Spring semester. Funding will be divided equally amongst all eligible applicants amount not to exceed \$1,000.
- B. Vocational students will receive an allotted amount divided into two funding cycles to cover deadlines, with an amount not to exceed \$1,000.
- C. The Agai Dicutta Scholarship is in accordance with the following deadlines:

Higher Education deadlines:

Fall Semester

- Third Friday of July, by 5:00 p.m. (PDT) – Students' deadline for applying.

Spring Semester

- December 15th - Deadline for submitting a completed application.

Adult Vocational Training (AVT) deadlines:

- a. 1st Quarter – December 15th deadline
- b. 2nd Quarter – March 15th deadline
- c. 3rd Quarter – June 15th deadline
- d. 4th Quarter – September 15th deadline

- D. The Agai Dicutta Scholarship check will be sent directly to each student.

4.4 – 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, which 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 the 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 if 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.

4.5 – WITHDRAWALS:

- A. If a student receives the tribal grant check and cashes it, then decides not to attend school or withdraw from school, they will not be eligible for any funding until they pay back the tribal grant check, or they attend and make up the credits lost during the semester.

4.6 – APPEALS PROCEDURES:

- A. The appeals procedures will adhere to the relevant policy, depending on whether it pertains to the Higher Education or AVT grant program.



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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR-06-2026

RE: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT POLICY AMENDMENTS HIGHER EDUCATION & ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934, as amended, to exercise certain home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department provides financial assistance to eligible enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to enable them to attend accredited institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department provides the Adult Vocational Training (AVT) program to assist enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe in acquiring the necessary job skills for a satisfactory level of performance and full-time employment; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education has reviewed existing Education Department policies and determined that amendments are necessary to ensure clarity, consistency, accountability, and compliance with applicable regulations, and funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are intended to improve program administration, strengthen student support services, and promote educational and workforce success for Tribal members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Walker River Paiute Tribe hereby approves the proposed amendments to the Education Department policies, including the Higher Education and AVT policies; and

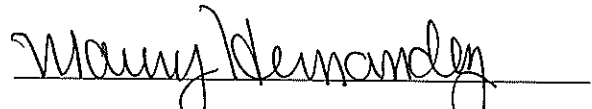
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education is authorized to implement, administer, and enforce the amended Education Department policies in accordance with applicable funding requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all prior policies or provisions established by the Education Department that are inconsistent with these amendments are hereby superseded to the extent of such inconsistencies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and remain in force until amended or rescinded by the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 12 day of February, 2026, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.


Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



SECTION 5

YOUTH OVERNIGHT TRAVEL POLICY

5.1 – PURPOSE

The Walker River Paiute Tribe's Education Department provides a wide range of services designed to support students, educators, and community members in their educational endeavors. Our focus is to empower students by providing them with the necessary resources and support to excel academically. Through these efforts, we strive to foster a supportive learning environment that encourages growth and promotes academic excellence within the community.

The Education Department provides a range of opportunities for students, including long-term travel events that entail overnight accommodation both within Nevada and in other states. Accordingly, the Education Department shall adhere to established guidelines during the planning and execution of these events. Formal procedures will be instituted to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants, including youth, staff, and chaperones involved.

5.2 – STAFF ADVISERS PLANNING & PREPARATION

A. Staff Advisers of the youth travel will be responsible for the preparation and planning of all youth travel events. This will include, and not be limited to, the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Research of events, including alignment with the program goals and outcomes. Any required meetings with the leadership of events before travel will be conducted internally.
- Recruit youth with an interest in attending events. This includes tracking and monitoring student schedules, grades, attendance, and behavior records for both school and Education Department activities. Students with an unsatisfactory academic record will not be permitted to attend overnight travel opportunities until they are in satisfactory standing.
- Submitting all travel authorization forms for the youth attending (following the guidelines of the Walker River Paiute Tribe policies and procedures).
- Submitting all travel authorization forms for the non-staff chaperone(s) attending (following the guidelines of the Walker River Paiute Tribe policies and procedures).
- Creating permission slip forms for each individual overnight trip, including a release of liability waivers to be transported in Tribal vehicles/rental vehicles, emergency contact information, event itinerary for the group, including location and hotel information, and the date/time of departure and return.
- Creating a general checklist of items for youth to pack for the events.
- Creating a parent/guardian group chat, or other form of communication, to keep families informed of the status of the trip.

- All additional forms for staff advisers, youth guidelines, or permission slips required by the lead organizations of the main events must comply with the established rules.

5.3 – CHAPERONE (NON-STAFF) INFORMATION:

The chaperone is an important responsibility. Chaperones set the standard for behavior by always remaining with the group and by maintaining responsibility for the courtesy and good conduct of their students. Chaperones will have the opportunity to help make the group's visit a fun, memorable, and educationally rewarding experience. The role of a chaperone is critical throughout the entire course of our group's visit. Below is some information that will help guide chaperones regarding setting standards and to make the trip smooth, enjoyable, and informative for all participants.

A. The roles of the chaperone include, but are not limited to:

- Arrive with the group on time for all events and activities.
- Encourage youth to ask questions and participate in activities.
- Keep the group together and always stay with the youth. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of the students they are chaperoning, regardless of age or familial relationships.
- When exploring the areas outside of the main event times and independent of the guide, respect the environment by keeping the volume down in public areas. Also, be mindful that certain areas can be overcrowded, with possible high vehicle and bike traffic. Keeping the youth aware of their surroundings is critical.

5.4 – STAFF ADVISER/CHAPERONE CODE OF CONDUCT:

Staff advisers and chaperones are required to adhere to specific standards of behavior, including both their conduct and appearance. Attendance at any sponsored events or activities is a privilege. Setting a good example is a goal for staff advisers and chaperones, as the youth they are supervising are impressionable. Therefore, a code of conduct is set for

agreement, they understand that any violations of these practices and procedures will be referred to by the Director and followed by the Walker River Paiute Tribe chain of command.

A. Staff Advisers/Chaperones are expected to:

1. Be held accountable for communicating the responsible behavior, conduct, and attire of all youth members.
2. Serve as role models and ensure that all the participants attend and engage in all sessions at the events they attend.
3. Make sure youth are present and accounted for when traveling by any means of transportation and when in public areas in large groups.
4. Make sure youth are in their assigned hotel rooms at "Lights-Out" time and awake on time in the morning. In addition, make sure the youth are aware of the daily itinerary.

5. When assigned job duties during activities, it is the responsibility of that staff adviser/chaperone to promptly and efficiently carry out those duties.
6. Responsible for being available to the youth participants 24 hours per day for any emergencies or immediate needs. This responsibility begins from the time parents/guardians leave the youth with the adviser until the time they are picked up or dropped off at their residence.
7. Be responsible for knowing the whereabouts of all of the youth participants at all times. No youth member should be left alone or be permitted to leave the group for unauthorized excursions.
8. “Buddy systems” should be facilitated by a staff adviser/chaperone on duty to ensure no youth member is left alone in public areas.
9. No youth should be touched against his/her/their own will by any staff adviser/chaperone.
10. No derogatory language is allowed when addressing youth members
11. Always be alert to any suspicious or unusual behavior.
12. Become familiar with any/all emergency exits in public areas.
13. Each staff adviser/chaperone must have with them at all activities and events:
 - Each youth participant signed Code of Conduct
 - Each youth participant signed Permission Slip form, including a primary and secondary emergency contact.
 - A list of each youth participant’s name, parents/guardian(s) name(s), and phone numbers, including any other information as needed (i.e., allergy or medication needs).
 - Staff Advisers/Chaperones must report any conduct violations to other staff advisers/chaperones attending to be well-informed of any immediate situations, and to the Director if disciplinary actions need to be taken.
14. Staff Advisers/chaperones may search youth members' rooms and belongings, with reasonable suspicion, in relation to youth violating the Youth Code of Conduct, without the youth member’s permission.
15. Staff Advisers/Chaperones MUST agree to abide by this Policy before conducting any long-term, overnight travel with youth participants.

By signing this agreement, the Staff Adviser/Chaperones agree to abide by the rules outlined in this document. (see Staff Advisor/Chaperone Code of Conduct attached).

5.5 – YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT:

A. The conduct of youth members should reflect positively on the organization and themselves, upholding the reputation of the organization. Listed below are the codes of conduct for youth participants that they are expected to comply with at all times:

1. Behave courteously and respectfully, avoiding language or actions that might bring discredit upon themselves, their school, other attendees, and staff advisers, and avoid speech and conduct that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

2. Abide by all rules set forth. Youth participants must keep their staff advisers/chaperones informed of their activities and whereabouts. Accidents, injuries, and illnesses must be reported to a staff adviser/chaperone immediately.
3. Avoid conduct not conducive to an educational atmosphere. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, actions disrupting the event's professional atmosphere, association with non-event individuals, and activities that endanger oneself or others.
4. Comply with the rules of all event facilities, including at the location of the main event, hotel rooms/areas, and other public spaces. Noise in all public areas should be kept at a respectable volume.
5. Roommates are assigned through a careful process conducted by the Staff Advisers before the trip takes place. Therefore, the youth are to stay in the hotel room to which they are assigned.
6. The itinerary provided by the Staff Adviser/Chaperone before the event includes a "lights-out" time frame, where youth members must be present in their rooms without permission to leave unless otherwise deemed necessary. Staff Adviser/Chaperone reserves the right to conduct checks on youth members to confirm presence.
7. Hotel Conduct: Failing to meet the professional standards of housing facilities; accruing incidental room charges (i.e., phone calls, room service, pay-per-view movies, etc.), and other misbehavior such as throwing objects out the window or into the hallway; moving hotel furniture; or failing to follow hotel rules and regulations. Youth members and/or parents/guardians will be held responsible for any fees related to intentional damage or incidental costs caused by the youth. This will be covered through an invoice process conducted through the Walker River Paiute Tribe following the event.
8. Follow an appropriate dress code during all event activities, including general sessions, participatory events, exhibits, meetings, workshops, and other activities unless otherwise indicated.
9. Shall not possess, use, transmit, be under the influence of, or show evidence of having used alcoholic beverage, other drugs, substances or tobacco products capable of or intended, purported, or presumed to be capable of altering moods, perceptions, behaviors, or judgements; other than properly used, over-the-counter pain relievers and medications prescribed by a physician for individuals and must be on record with the Staff Adviser/Chaperone. Nor shall any youth member possess, use, sell, or transmit paraphernalia associated with drugs, alcohol, or chemical substances in any form (including tobacco), at any time, or under any circumstances, during any overnight trip.
10. Being in a willful companionship of someone who violates any portion of the conduct code or failing to report any direct knowledge (other than hearsay) of the conduct code violations.
11. Shall not possess or use weapons or other harmful objects of any kind at any events.

By signing this agreement, the following youth member(s) and their parent/guardian agree to abide by the rules outlined in this document. (See Youth Code of Conduct attached)

5.6 – DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

A. All disciplinary processes concerning youth members shall be taken by the Staff

Advisers/Chaperones. Should a youth member violate the Youth Code of Conduct, the Staff Adviser/Chaperone on duty will meet with the youth and/or other supporting staff members. Youth may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from events/activities. Youth may be given a warning for behavior or actions, and all staff advisers/chaperones will be notified, including notification to

B. Should the Youth Code of Conduct violation occur at a serious level, law enforcement personnel and/or security may be called to assist, and the ultimate punishment is that the youth may be disqualified and sent home at their family's expense. If the youth is sent home, the Staff Adviser/Chaperone will see to it that reasonable care shall be exercised to ensure a safe, expedient, and financially feasible mode of transportation back to the home community of the youth involved. Parents/Guardians are aware of the consequences that will result from violation of any of the guidelines provided in this handbook.

C. To assist with parent/guardian financial feasibility processes, the Education Department staff and the Walker River Paiute Tribe Finance Department will work accordingly to arrange safe transportation home for the youth member. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must understand that prior arrangements for overnight trips require extensive planning, including travel arrangements that are non-refundable. As a result, the Education Department will cover 100% of the travel costs home for the youth; however, the parent/guardian will be invoiced for 50% of the travel costs and 100% of the registration fee, if any, back to the Education Department, following the end of the trip. Payments must be received 30 days after the invoice date. The Walker River Paiute Tribe reserves the right to pursue legal action if such invoices are not paid in a timely manner.

D. All disciplinary processes concerning Staff Advisers (employees of the Walker River Paiute Tribe) shall be addressed by the Education Director and will follow the Walker River Paiute Tribe chain of command. Disciplinary actions for employees shall be guided by the Walker River Paiute Tribe Personnel Policies and Procedures (WR 126-2017). Should there be any violation of non-staff members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the chaperone on duty may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from future events/activities. Non-staff members may be given a warning for behavior or actions by the Education Director.

5.7 – EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

A. In the event of an emergency, such as a serious injury or an immediate family emergency, with parent/guardian consent to send home, youth members may be sent home early following the same procedures for travel arrangements. As previously concluded, the Education Department will cover 100% of the travel costs home for the youth; however, the parent/guardian will be invoiced for 50% of the travel costs and 0% of the registration fee, if any, back to the Education Department, following the end of the trip. Payments must be received 30 days after the invoice date. The Walker River Paiute Tribe reserves the right to pursue legal action if such invoices are not paid in a timely manner.



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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR-04-2026

RE: YOUTH OVERNIGHT TRAVEL POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934, as amended, to exercise certain home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department provides a range of opportunities for students, including long-term travel events that entail overnight accommodation both within Nevada and in other states; and

WHEREAS, the Education Department shall adhere to established guidelines during the planning and execution of these events; and

WHEREAS, the following formal procedures will be instituted to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants, including youth, staff, and chaperones involved; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education has reviewed and approved the Youth Overnight Travel Policy, Youth Code of Conduct, and Staff Adviser/Chaperone Code of Conduct.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council hereby formally adopts and implements the Youth Overnight Travel Policy, Youth Code of Conduct, and Staff Adviser/Chaperone Code of Conduct for all Education Department-sponsored overnight travel activities; and

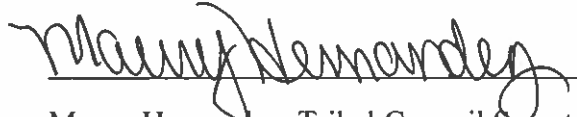
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these policies shall govern the planning, approval, supervision, and execution of all overnight travel events involving youth participants, whether occurring within the State of Nevada or in other states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Education Department staff, advisers, chaperones, and participating youth are required to comply with the provisions outlined in the adopted policies as a condition of participation in any overnight travel activity; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and remain in force until amended or rescinded by the Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 6 , constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 22 day of January, 2026, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.


Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE



SECTION 6

WALKER RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY POLICY

6.1 – PURPOSE & MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to the Walker River Tribal Library, where we are dedicated to enriching our community and nurturing the potential of every individual, especially our adolescents and youth. Our mission is to provide informational competence in essential areas that matter most to you. Here, you will discover a treasured trove of resources focused on academic and career exploration, life-readiness skills, and pathways to success. We believe in the power of community engagement and are dedicated to fostering connections that strengthen our collective spirit. At the heart of our library lies a commitment to preserving and celebrating our cultural heritage. We integrate community-based and cultural knowledge into our programs, reinforcing the sovereignty of our tribal learning traditions. Our vision encompasses holistic learning for everyone, ensuring a bright future for all members of our community. Join us on this journey of growth and discovery!

6.2 – POLICY STATEMENT

The Walker River Tribal Library Policy Manual ensures that the library operates according to the professional standards outlined in the American Library Association's Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics. This policy grants the library staff and the Education Director the authority to implement any necessary changes to maintain compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and guidelines set by governing bodies that impact the operation of the Walker River Tribal Library. Any changes made will be presented to the Board of Education for approval or rejection during regular meetings.

The Walker River Tribal Library shall hereby provide the following:

- A. Provide essential direct and indirect support to library patrons, including students, staff, and community members of all ages.
- B. Provide input and to be responsible, at varying levels, for implementing and applying library programs and services.
- C. Address issues related to the full range of informational needs and concerns of the library patrons.
- D. Work with fellow department staff of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to develop instructional programs and services that thrive on informational competence.

6.3 – DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE STATEMENT

In compliance with section 7.4 Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures of the Walker River Paiute Tribe Human Resources Policies and Procedures, *“due to the adverse effects on personal health and the increased probability of accidents in the workplace, the Walker River Paiute Tribe has established that all sites of Tribal operations shall be a drug and alcohol-free workplace.”*

The Walker River Tribal Library is dedicated to ensuring a safe, high-quality, and productive environment for all its patrons. The misuse of alcohol and drugs poses a significant threat to the health and safety of both library staff and patrons, as well as to the security of the library's equipment and facilities. Therefore, the Walker River Tribal Library is dedicated to preventing the use and misuse of drugs and alcohol by prohibiting them in all library spaces and at any events hosted through its programs.

6.4 – SCOPE

The library policies and procedures of the Walker River Paiute Tribe apply to all users, whether in person or online, as well as to everyone who works in the library, whether they are paid or volunteers.

6.5 – LIBRARY STAFF

The Walker River Tribal Library is managed by the Communal Library Specialist, who operates under the guidance and supervision of the Education Director of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. The Education Department is responsible for overseeing the Walker River Tribal Library program. This program will adhere to the established chain of command as outlined in the Walker River Paiute Tribe's Human Resources Policies and Procedures, effective December 14, 2017, along with any subsequent amendments.

6.6 – CONFIDENTIALITY

The Walker River Tribal Library protects the privacy of library patrons, staff members, and volunteers. The library will maintain the confidentiality of personal information such as addresses and phone numbers, as well as any information that would associate any library patron's name with any specific materials inquired about or used, including print, electronic, or other media. The library will not give this information to individuals or any public or private agency unless required to do so by law.

6.7 – CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY

All library patrons and staff are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, legal, and respectful manner, including with respect to property and materials belonging to the library and noise levels in the library. Children under 18 years of age are expected to comply with the policy on conduct. Those who do not comply may be asked to leave the library and may have privileges revoked.

6.8 – RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibilities for implementing the Walker River Tribal Library Policies and Procedures are delegated to the library and Education Department staff members, who are under the supervision of the Education Director of the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

6.9 – NEW LIBRARY PATRONS

To maintain accurate recordkeeping and tracking usage of the Walker River Tribal Library, new library patrons must complete a registration form. Signature and attestation verify the new library patron has read and understood the Walker River Tribal Policy Manual. Patrons under the age of 18 must complete the information regarding a parent (or guardian) at the bottom of the form, and a parent or guardian must sign the form.

(form, see New Library Patron Registration at the end of Policy Manual)

6.10 – RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE

The library is committed to providing a positive environment for all its patrons and must, therefore, manage disruptive behavior in a professional and timely manner. Consequently, the Walker River Tribal Library reserves the right to refuse service to any user who disrupts the library's use, misuses machines or equipment, or shows disrespect to library staff or other patrons.

Irresponsible behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Rudeness, including loud and offensive language
- Unreasonable demands for service
- Being under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol
- Threatening or erratic behavior

Any library staff member can exercise the right to refuse service when confronted by a library patron acting irresponsibly. If necessary, the Walker River Police Department will assist by sending deputies to have the problem patron escorted from the library, in which case an incident report must be filed. Individuals who continue to abuse library staff and services may require additional corrective action, including being banned from library facilities or events hosted through library programs. The Education Director may ban a patron temporarily or permanently from the library facilities if a police report must be filed because of the patron's inappropriate behavior.

(form, see Refusal of Service at the end of Policy Manual)

6.11 – UNATTENDED CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

No child aged 12 or under may be left in the library unattended or without appropriate supervision. Exceptions may be made in individual instances. The library staff members do not have custodial responsibility for unattended children. The library staff assumes no liability for unattended children. If a child is left in the library for more than one hour, or if a minor is left at the library at closing, the staff can try to reach the child's known parent/guardian. If the staff cannot locate the parent/guardian, the Walker River Tribal Police Department will be contacted. When a child is left at the library, and the police are contacted, that department may take the child into protective custody.

6.12 – FOOD

Eating or drinking is NOT permitted in the Walker River Tribal Library; however, a capped water bottle may be carried and consumed. NO food or drinks are allowed at any of the public computer stations.

6.13 – ANIMALS

No animals are allowed in the Walker River Tribal Library except for service animals trained to assist those with a disability. Animals should not be left unattended on library grounds. Staff may ask a person to remove from the library any service animal when that animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.

6.14 – USE OF LIBRARY – PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

The Walker River Tribal Library educational programs and activities, including workshops/trainings, will be open to the public and free of charge. The Education Department operates and manages the library program through existing budgets and shall only charge monetarily for the following public services:

Coping/Faxing/Laminating Services:

Black and White copies: \$.10 per page

Color copies: \$.25 per page

Faxing: \$.10 per page

Laminating: \$1.00 per copy with a 5-page limit per person

6.15 – COMPUTER USE

The Walker River Tribal Library is pleased to make computers available to its patrons free of charge. To ensure that the service operates smoothly, your cooperation is needed with the following rules:

1. Public use of the library's computers and copying/faxing/laminating services is designated during the following schedule:
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Only the library and Education Department staff members possess keys to the computer space. In the event that these individuals are unavailable, an official notice will be displayed on the main doors in advance.

2. To use the library's computers, you must possess the necessary skills and training to do so. Staff members may not be available to provide training or in-depth assistance.
3. All computer usage is on a first-come, first-served basis. We do accept scheduled appointments, which will be made solely for individual online testing, extensive information research, business research, or virtual meetings.

4. The library provides commercial software for use only in the library. Patrons must bring their own data storage devices to save their files. The library is not responsible for storage devices or data damage caused by using the library's equipment.
5. A maximum of two (2) people may be at any one computer station at one time.
6. Copying/Faxing/Laminating rates are final, with no exceptions. Library patrons must verify the printer's properties prior to initiating any printing activities. To avoid unwanted printouts, go to "Print Preview" and select the pages, or highlight the print area and print "Selection."
7. The library and/or Education staff have the right to refuse, interrupt, or cancel access to the computer at any time to those who do not abide by these rules.

6.16 – COMPUTER USE PROHIBITIONS

Your computer privileges will be revoked if you ignore any of the following rules:

1. It is prohibited to display, create, transmit, print, or otherwise distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
2. It is prohibited to download or copy any computer systems and/or computer software licensed for use on library computers to a data storage device.
3. It is prohibited to connect personal computer equipment, such as laptops, to library equipment.
4. It is prohibited to load programs onto the hard drives of the library's computers, store data on them, or change their contents.
5. It is prohibited to use the library's Internet connection for political lobbying or campaigning, solicitation, advertisement, illegal activity, or for any other commercial purposes.
6. Bookmarking Internet sites or changing the setup or configuration of the library's software or hardware is prohibited.

Again, failure to comply with these rules will result in loss of computer privileges!

6.17 – WIRELESS INTERNET

The library offers free wireless Internet access to people with personal devices. The same rules apply to users of both the wired and the wireless networks.

6.18 – INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

It is the policy of Walker River Tribal Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. 106-554].

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or minimized for minors only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

To this extent, practical steps should be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Walker River Tribal Library online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes (a) unauthorized access, including so-called ‘hacking’ and other unlawful activities, and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors. No Internet filter is 100% effective, and library staff cannot act *In Loco Parentis*. Ultimately, the parents/guardians are responsible for their minor children's Internet behavior.

This library recommends that parents view the NetSmartz Internet site from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for information on keeping children safe online. <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home>

6.19 – COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The selection of materials will support the mission of the Walker River Tribal Library. The library's primary objective is to foster a love for reading, promote literacy and learning among individuals of all ages, and fulfill the community's need for information. Furthermore, the library aims to enhance cultural competence within its population.

6.20 – POLICY AMENDMENTS

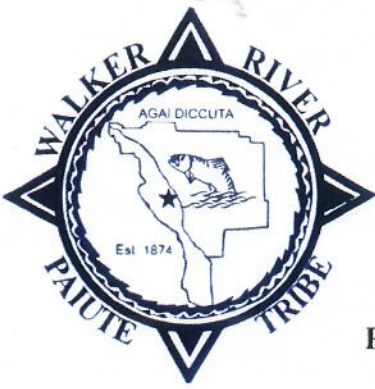
Any library policy or portion thereof may be modified at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board by a simple majority vote of the members, providing that the language of the amendment has been provided in writing to the members at least three days in advance and is part of the notice and agenda for the meeting.

6.21 – AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION “LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS”

The Walker River Tribal Library is a proud member of the American Library Association (ALA), as well as the American Indian Library Association (AILA). An affiliate of the ALA, the AILA is a membership action group that addresses the library-related needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Members are individuals and institutions interested in developing programs to improve Indian library, cultural, and informational services in school, public, and research libraries on reservations. The ALA affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people in the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting the abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries that make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

Adopted June 18, 1948.
Amended February 2, 1961, and January 23, 1980,
inclusion of “age” reaffirmed on January 23, 1996,
by the ALA Council.



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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR-47-2025

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") is the governing body of the Tribe and is responsible for safeguarding and promoting the peace, safety, morals and general welfare of Tribal members and the residents of the Walker River Indian Reservation ("Reservation"); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes it is therefore vitally important to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for the relationship between the Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, and Tribal Employees that are fair and equitable for all concerned;

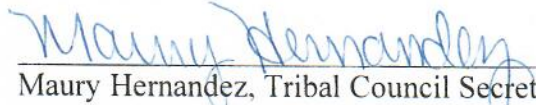
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also oversees the operations of the Technology Center, which houses the Tribal Library and serves as a vital resource for the community by providing access to educational materials, technology, and public programming; and

WHEREAS, the Library within the Technology Center is intended for the benefit of Tribal members and the general public, supporting lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and equitable access to information for all community members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker River Tribal Library Policies and Procedures are hereby approved with updated verbiage and processes as guiding operations, ensuring equitable access to resources and services, promoting a safe and positive environment, and clarifying the library's mission and values to both staff and the public.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members of whom 5 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting held on the 12th day of June, 2025, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada, approved on March 26, 1937.


Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
Walker River Paiute Tribe

SECTION 7

STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

7.1 – PURPOSE:

The student recognition policy is to recognize the educational achievements of the students residing within the reservation boundaries of the Walker River Paiute Reservation. The purpose of this policy is to set forth procedures and requirements to administer the rewards and recognition of our youth.

7.2 – ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must reside within the boundaries of the Walker River Paiute Reservation.
2. Must be an elementary, junior high, or high school student.
3. Must attend school in Lyon, Mineral, or Churchill County.
4. Must have student information packet on file with the WRPT Education Department.

7.3 RECOGNITION:

- A. Honor Roll
 1. 4.0 or Higher-Grade Point Average (GPA)
 2. 3.5 – 3.99 GPA
 3. 3.0 – 3.49 GPA
- B. Perfect Attendance
- C. Graduates
 1. High School
 2. 8th Grade
- D. Athletes
 1. High School
 2. 7th & 8th Grade

7.4 – REWARD:

1. Semesters: Certificate to be awarded at a Tribal Council Meeting (i.e., Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance)
2. School Year: Dependent on funding available (i.e., certificate, T-shirt, sweatshirt, backpack, medal, trophy, etc.).
3. Athletes: Dependent on funding available (i.e., certificate, T-shirt, sweatshirt, backpack, medal, trophy, etc.).
 - a. High School Athletes
 - b. 7th & 8th Grade Athletes
4. Graduates:
 - a. High School: Certificate and may be eligible for Agai Dicutta Scholarship to be redeemed upon admission into an institute of higher learning.
 - b. 8th Grade: Certificate



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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR- 42- 2026

RE: STUDENT RECOGNITION POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934, as amended, to exercise certain home rule and be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe is committed to supporting and promoting the educational achievements of all community members, including Native youth and students; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribe and its Education Department wish to formally recognize and express pride in the accomplishments of its students; and

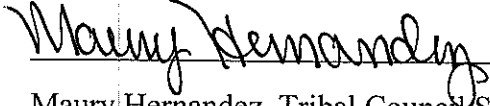
WHEREAS, on January 10, 2008, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, through its Education Department, adopted a Student Recognition Policy to establish procedures for acknowledging student achievements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed and revised the Student Recognition Policy to better align with the current needs of students and educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council hereby adopts the updated Student Recognition Policy, which supersedes and replaces in its entirety the policy previously approved by Resolution No. WR-02-2008.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 6 , constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2026, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.


Maury Hernandez, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE