Willows Intermediate School

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"Every Student-Every Day"

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Mission: Willows Intermediate School (WIS) will strive for the reality of being a true ***school of achievement***. It is the desire of our school community to provide a **safe** and enriched student learning environment where each student can realize his/her full academic potential, develop his/her individual talents and abilities, develop **respect** for self and others, and become an involved, **responsible** citizen.

Collective Commitments:

- ★ We commit to **trusting** one another as we work together to support, inspire, and successfully advance the education of every student.
- ★ We commit to a **collaborative culture** in education that values respect, accountability, and vulnerability as we work together to support the growth and success of all students.
- ★ We commit to **approaching new practices** with an open mind as educators, embracing continuous learning and growth to better serve all students.

Board Report:

- On 10.20.26 our Solution Tree Coach (Brandon) returned and met with our teachers and I. We took a deeper dive into looking at Common Formative Assessments and checking to see if they matched the Essential Standard being taught. The goal is to align our assessments to match what is being taught in the classroom. Our coach stated that he has seen progress with our team of teachers and that the use of data can help drive our instruction. Our next meeting with Brandon is scheduled for November 18th. Brandon meets with all grade levels and subject matter teams.
- The Guiding Coalition Team met on October 27th. Our focus has been on increasing opportunities for speaking in class for all students. This schoolwide focus placed an emphasis on speaking in every class. Much of the focus in classes centered around the use of academic vocabulary and citing evidence. The Guiding Coalition is now going to spend some time focusing on positive recognition and incentives. We want to reward our students for attendance, CAASPP test scores, minimal discipline referrals and more.
- Girls Basketball is in full swing. Our WIS Girls Basketball Tournament was held on Thursday (10.22.26) and Friday (10.23.26). The students and staff enjoyed watching their peers play during the school day.
- Staff is excited about enrichment opportunities afterschool. We currently have Ballet Folklico and Science Club that meet once a week. Some of the clubs getting started include a Fantasy Sports Club and a Lego Kits (Engineering Robots) Club. These new clubs are planning to meet three to four times a week.
- I had the opportunity to visit High Tech High (a Project Based Learning school) in San Diego (October 21-22). We toured the high school school, interviewed students and interacted with a student panel. The conference lasted two days.

Two teachers from WIS and two teachers from WHS attended. We walked away hoping to make Open House and exhibition of student work.

- We held a Rally on 10.30.26. The Rally included performances by the Cardinal Band and Ballet Folklico Dancers. All four grade levels attended so it was a packed gym.
- We started the school year with 426 students. We currently have 426 students. The most we have had this year is 430 students (8.24.26/ 8.28.26)
  We have 221 boys, 204 girls and 1 Nonbinary.
    - 5th grade- 98 students
    - 6th grade- 94 students
    - 7th grade- 131 students
    - 8th grade- 103 students