

# Quality Instruction at WHS

*The staff at Webster High School strives for continuous improvement in the following areas:*

## **Soft Skills and Productivity**

- Students are present and prepared to learn/work
- Staff are present and ready to teach
- Time is used productively
- Students are practicing soft skills that will apply to their future workplace

## **Schoolwork Expectations**

- Lessons are aligned to the standards
- Students know why they are expected to learn the information
- Homework is meaningful, clear, limited, and essential
- Establish clear due dates and deadlines
- Communicate clear and reasonable late work policies

## **Assessments and Retakes**

- Assessments and Retakes are
  - Regularly scheduled and communicated with students
  - Specific to learning
- Establish clear, reasonable retake policies to encourage demonstration of mastery
- Encourage the demonstration of understanding in multiple ways
- Feedback and grading are timely and specific

## **High Expectations/High Support**

- Provide a course syllabus that helps parents and students understand expectations
- Provide appropriate accommodations
- Students should be engaged
- Students should feel supported and know they are cared about
- Post clear classroom rules and/or respect agreements
- Facilitate parent engagement and communication

## **Learning Environment**

- Promote student voice and choice
- Create a classroom environment in which students feel safe and comfortable
- Listen to students' concerns and feedback
- Plan a strong introduction and closure for each lesson
- Encourage enjoyment of learning
- Establish a positive, student-centered environment
- Facilitate active engagement

## **Professionalism**

- Gather feedback via teacher assessments through
  - Self-assessments - high expectations for teachers themselves
  - Self-reflections
  - Teacher surveys (by students)
  - Principal feedback
- Collaboration
  - Share best practices
  - Attend conferences and trainings
  - Maintain open-mindedness about changing classroom practices
- Use allotted planning time effectively
- Demonstrate a passion for your content area and teaching