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WHITEHORSE HIGH SCHOOL: Transforming Student Accountability with Compass Curriculum



A New Approach to Student Growth

Education is about more than academic achievement. It's about guiding students to learn from their mistakes, make better choices, and grow into responsible adults. But that is not a simple task. At Whitehorse High School, located in the Navajo Nation in Montezuma Creek, Utah, the challenge was clear: behavioral issues were disrupting the educational environment, and the lack of a consistent approach to discipline was eroding trust between students and staff.

With a 100% Indigenous student body of 300, Whitehorse needed a culturally relevant, structured solution to address these challenges. The school turned to Navigate360 Compass Curriculum, a comprehensive character enrichment and behavior intervention platform. The result? A dramatic cultural shift, consistent accountability measures, and measurable improvements in student outcomes.



“Life is about learning from our mistakes. One of the goals in an educational setting should be helping students learn from their missteps rather than just doling out punishments.”

—Jacqueline Whitaker, Whitehorse High School Assistant Principal

The Problem: Inconsistency Erodes Trust

Before adopting Compass Curriculum, Whitehorse High School relied on ad hoc approaches to discipline. Students received worksheets as punishment, with little guidance or opportunity for meaningful reflection. This lack of structure created growing tension between students and educators and did not equip students to make better decisions.

When Assistant Principal Dan Evans joined Whitehorse, he recognized that behavior issues were symptomatic of a deeper problem: **students lacked the tools and opportunities to reflect on their choices and learn from them.** To address this, he and the school's leadership sought a proactive, evidence-based solution.



“Without a consistent program for teachers and administrators to address behavior, everyone makes it up as they go along, which becomes a big barrier to building trust with kids.”

—Jacqueline Whitaker

The Solution: Compass Curriculum by Navigate360

Compass Curriculum, a character enrichment and behavior intervention platform, offered the structure and consistency Whitehorse needed. Designed to align with CASEL’s five core competencies, Compass provides tiered lessons and culturally responsive tools to meet students where they are.

Key Features of Compass at Whitehorse:

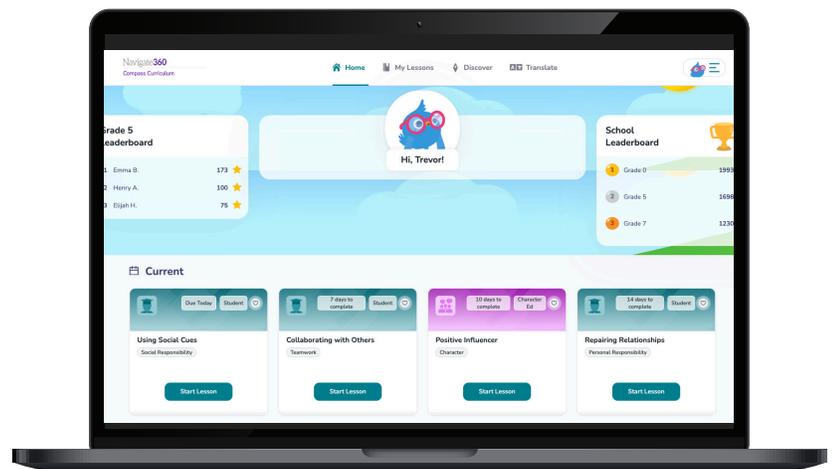
- **Tailored Lessons:** Modules align with developmental levels, providing age-appropriate content across grades 7-12.
- **Restorative Practices:** Incorporates Navajo cultural traditions like talking circles to foster empathy and accountability.
- **Integrated Systems:** Seamlessly integrates with the school’s Student Information System for efficient assignment and tracking.

How It Works

When a student at Whitehorse makes a poor behavioral choice, they are assigned Compass modules tailored to their specific infraction. After completing the lessons, they share what they learned in a talking circle—a culturally significant method of interpersonal communication and conflict resolution.

“Rather than being punished or feeling targeted, students know they’re sharing the same experience and learning skills that will help them make a better choice next time.”

—Jacqueline Whitaker





Real-Life Impact: Reducing Tardiness & Addressing Vaping

Behavioral challenges such as chronic tardiness and substance use can significantly disrupt the educational environment and hinder student development.

At Whitehorse High School, these issues were prevalent, reflecting broader patterns of disengagement and unmet social and emotional needs. Using Compass Curriculum, educators were able to address these behaviors in a way that fostered accountability and personal growth, creating lasting positive change. The program's tailored modules provided students with the tools to reflect on their choices, understand their broader implications, and develop strategies for improvement.

TARDINESS INTERVENTION:

At the start of the 2023-24 school year, nearly 80% of Whitehorse students had multiple tardies. Compass modules helped students understand the broader impact of their lateness, fostering accountability. By the second quarter, tardiness dropped to just over 10%, with very few repeat offenders.

Vaping Case Study:

One student caught vaping initially dismissed the behavior as commonplace. Through Compass, she completed modules on vaping and personal integrity, gaining a deeper understanding of the health risks and underlying causes of her actions.

"I didn't know vaping could really harm my brain," she explained during her presentation. The experience helped her identify healthier coping mechanisms and take ownership of her choices.

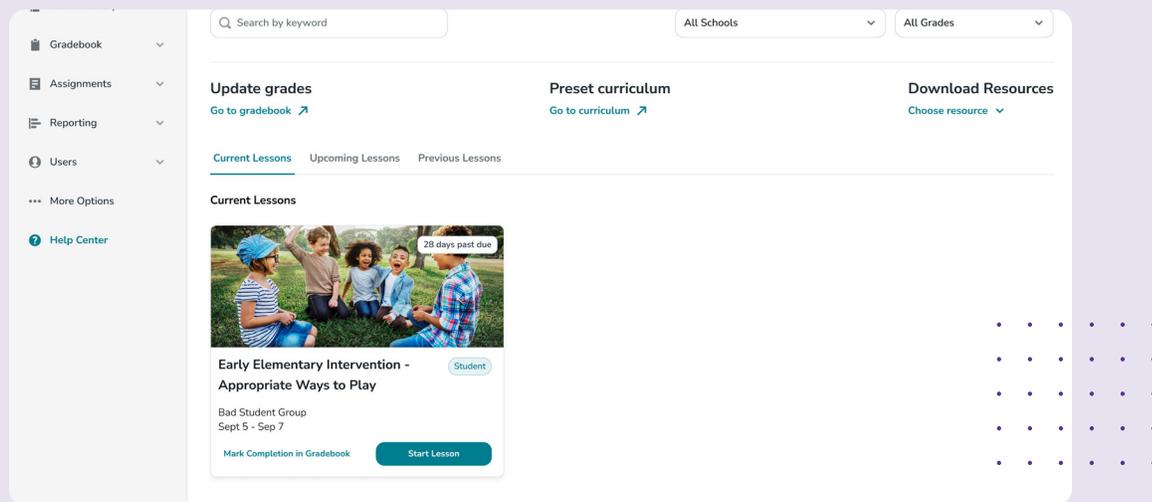
The Next Chapter: Enhancing Compass with New Features

As Whitehorse High School continues to see transformative results with Compass Curriculum, upcoming enhancements promise to make an even greater impact. These new features are designed to provide deeper, more tailored support for students while equipping educators with tools to address challenges proactively and effectively.

By expanding the program’s restorative practices and introducing personalized communication, Whitehorse is excited to take its holistic approach to the next level.

- **Family Letters:** Personalized communication to caregivers, aligned with module content
- **Tiered Content:** Multi-tiered support for students requiring additional interventions
- **Holistic Data Views:** Enhanced reporting to identify trends and proactively address issues
- **Integrated Restorative Practices:** Expanded restorative components provide students with options for demonstrating their learnings

These features will further align with the school’s vision of supporting students holistically while respecting their cultural values.



“With these new tools, we can be more proactive. If tardiness spikes again, for example, I can plan a school-wide lesson to address it before it becomes a widespread issue.”

—Jacqueline Whitaker

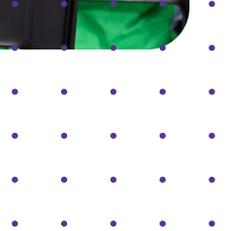
Building a Culture of Accountability & Growth

Since adopting Compass Curriculum, Whitehorse High School has been recognized for its innovative approach to fostering accountability and personal growth among students. The success of the program has inspired the district's grant program to provide dedicated funding for Navigate360, ensuring the school can continue to benefit from this transformative platform for years to come.

For a small school in the Navajo Nation, where resources are often limited, this recognition is both meaningful and vital. It underscores the commitment of Whitehorse's educators to equip their students with not only academic skills but also the character development competencies needed to navigate life's challenges. The program has become a cornerstone of the school's culture, reinforcing the values of accountability, empathy, and restorative justice.

Compass has also empowered educators by providing a structured, consistent framework for addressing student behavior, eliminating guesswork, and fostering trust. By integrating culturally relevant practices, such as talking circles, the program resonates deeply with the community, making disciplinary measures more meaningful and impactful.

Through Compass, Whitehorse has built a model of discipline that prioritizes learning and growth over punishment, ensuring that every student can thrive.



“We’re here to educate kids so they become energetic, vivacious adults who contribute to their community. You can’t do that without embracing and learning from mistakes.”

—Jacqueline Whitaker



A Call to Action: Empower Your Students with Compass

Whitehorse High School's story demonstrates the transformative power of combining character development with culturally-grounded behavior interventions. For leaders seeking a proven solution to improve outcomes, **Navigate360 Compass Curriculum** provides:

- Evidence-based tools that build accountability and empathy
- Restorative practices tailored to individual and cultural needs
- Comprehensive data and support for educators

Don't wait to address the challenges facing your students. Equip them with the tools to thrive, just as Whitehorse High School has.

Contact Navigate360 today to schedule a demo and see how Compass can transform your school.

