

PRESS RELEASE

The Wyoming E Academy of Virtual Education (WeAVE) will continue to provide a high quality, distance education choices to Wyoming high schools for students. WeAVE is approved by the Wyoming Department of Education to provided online education, and is accredited by the North Central Accreditation and the Commission for International Trans-Regional Accreditation. WeAVE courses can be approved for the Hathaway scholarship program and all courses are taught by highly qualified Wyoming certified, Wyoming resident, teachers.

WeAVE does not take students from their home districts. In fact, the only way a student can enroll in a WeAVE course is if their resident district approves and agrees to provide each student with the resources necessary for individual achievement. WeAVE truly believes that the education of a student starts with the family and the community. Fostering strong partnerships between WeAVE, the school district, the community, the student, and the student's family is a model for success. Historically, our data indicates low success rates for students who choose not to engage with their resident districts. .

WeAVE has not charged tuition for its services over the past five years. The only fee that is charged to partner schools is when a student does not complete a course within twelve months. The Board of Directors of WeAVE and the Fort Washakie Charter High school have begun looking at a fee structure that will cover the costs of the program. Since WeAVE is a public high school, it will not profit monetarily from other school districts. If a tuition system is implemented, we want to ensure our partners that our tuition will not exceed four-hundred dollars (\$400) per class per student per year.

We ask that school districts continue to support our goal to graduate high school students from their hometown Wyoming high school. We welcome our partners and potential partners to engage in dialogue regarding ideas to support WeAVE without having to charge a fee. Some have suggested starting a cooperative where school districts and teachers from across the state contribute as a professional learning community in distance education. Regardless of the model that is created, our goal as educators in this great State is to give every student, regardless of needs, the best opportunities to become successful citizens. Together, we can foster relationships that will create a brighter future for Wyoming.

Sincerely,

Gene M. Meier and Team

Fort Washakie High School and

The Wyoming E Academy of Virtual Education