Introduction to Haiku for LWSD Parents

Information to help parents start using Haiku

Haiku is a Learning Management System (LMS) chosen by the Lake Washington School District as a digital learning environment for classroom communication and collaboration. Parents may review student class announcements, assignments, and calendars for those classes with Haiku sites. A tour of the Haiku areas open to parents follows.

Haiku is a great tool to help students stay on track with their assignments. Parents of secondary students can view a student's assignments from multiple classes and help them plan their study and homework time.

Students may collaborate with other students within Haiku discussion boards and WikiProjects. Since collaborative spaces display work from many students, it is not legal for this content to be shared with all parents.
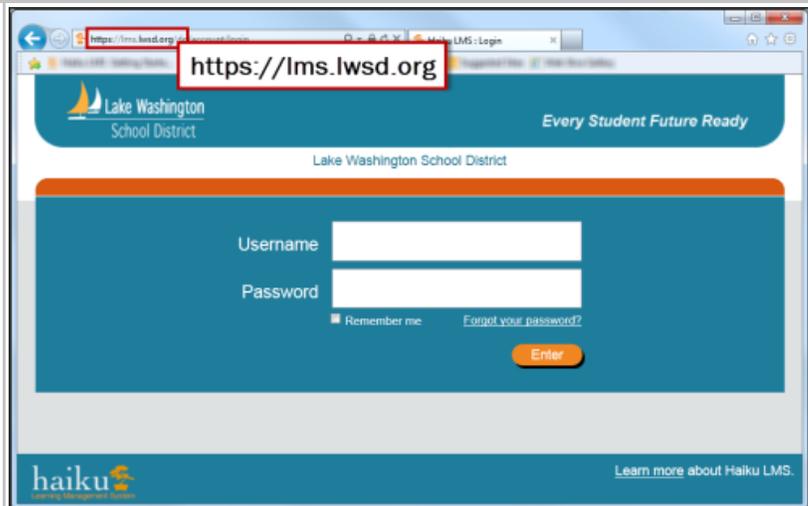
Need help?

Visit the Troubleshooting Haiku for LWSD parents page.

Logging in to Haiku

If you have difficulty with the login process for the LWSD Haiku site or need other help with Haiku, please visit Troubleshooting Haiku for LWSD parents.
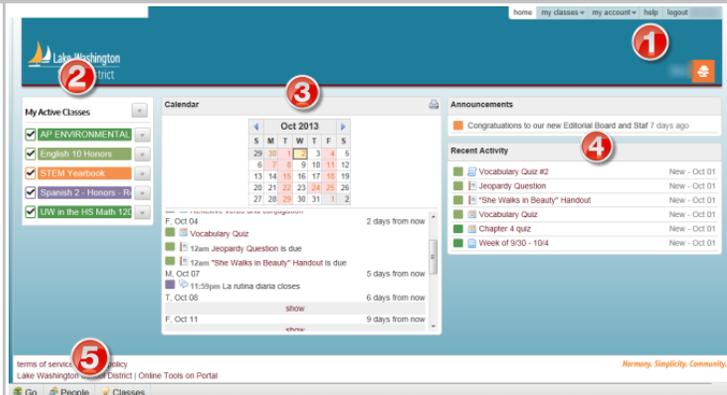
In general, follow these steps to log in to Haiku:

- **To log in to Haiku,** open an Internet browser and go to this URL: https://lms.lwsd.org
- **Enter** your LWSD **Parent Access user name** in the textbox provided.
- **Enter** your LWSD **Parent Access password** in the textbox provided.
- If you do not have a Parent Access account, go to: http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/default.aspx and follow the instructions to obtain an LWSD user name and password.
- **Select** the **[Enter]** button to log in.

Navigating Haiku

- The Haiku home page shows LWSD classes in which your student is (students are) enrolled.
- There are five main navigation areas:
  1. Upper menu bar
  2. Classes area
  3. Calendar area
  4. Announcements and Recent Activity
  5. Lower menu bar

1. The **Upper Menu Bar** includes:

- A. **[Home]** takes you back to the Haiku home page
- B. **[My Classes]** lists all the classes in which your student is enrolled, if the teacher has activated the class page. Teachers are learning the Haiku system this year and not all teachers have activated their class pages.
- C. **[My Account]** allows you to enter **[User Information]** like an email address, so you receive classroom notifications, and
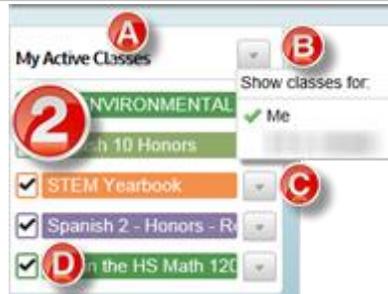
[Preferences], which allow you to set how and when notifications are sent. D. **[Help]** provides a link to Haiku tutorials. E. **[Logout]** allows you to log out and leave the Haiku system.	
2. The **Classes Area** includes: A. **[Classes]** tab lists academic general education and elective classes that your student(s) is enrolled in. B. **[Student Sort]** drop-down menu allows the selection of which student(s) you want to view. C. **[Color Selection]** drop-down menu allows you to change the color selection for each class. D. **[Class Sort]** allows the class visibility to be turned on or off.	
3. The **Calendar Area** is divided into two areas: A. The **Calendar view** highlights days that have scheduled assignments and due dates. Selecting the date will advance the List Calendar view (B) to the corresponding date. B. The **List Calendar view** includes a scroll bar that allows the user to view a list of calendar items for a specific date, including assignment descriptions. Links take the user to the specific teacher class site.	
4. **Announcements** & **Recent Activity** includes: A. Announcements shows teacher announcements that have been added to Haiku class sites. B. Recent Activity shows brief descriptions of content added by teachers, with hyperlinks to extended descriptions.	
5. **The Lower Menu bar** includes: A. **[Go]** button directs users to [My Portal] or [My Account] locations. B. **[People]** button allows a search for your children and their teachers. C. **[Classes]** button allows a search for the classes your children are enrolled in.	