

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Newsletter



Sweetwater County School District #1 will create and foster academic success through partnerships with its schools, community and families.

- Increase student and family awareness of educational and career opportunities in Sweetwater County and beyond.
- Instill and reinforce employability skills and a drive for learning.
- Recognize and celebrate student, family, community and employee contributions.



Sweetwater County School District #1 will nurture a positive learning climate and culture.

- Promote positive behaviors and relationships among students, staff, families and the community.
- Ensure schools are safe and secure.
- Proactively support physical, mental and emotional health.

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SCSD #1 Mission: To provide a quality education for all students.

SCSD #1 Vision: As an innovative district, united with our community, we empower and inspire all students to academic excellence in pursuit of their interests and passions.

Young Author Competition

First-place Young Author entrants from SCSD#1, SCSD#2 and Holy Spirit Catholic School (HSCS) competed for first place in Sweetwater County and were recognized on March 06, 2019. There was a total of 69 Kindergarten through 12th grade entries across the categories of Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry. The first-place winners have been sent on to compete at the state level. Those results will be announced sometime in May. In addition, the Superintendents from SCSD#1, SCSD#2 and Holy Spirit Catholic School chose stories for the Superintendent's Award. Below is a link with the listing of the winners, honorable mentions and Superintendent's Award winners. Congratulations to all of the Young Authors, their work was amazing. Each and every one of them is very talented. To read the stories for SCSD#1 please visit:

http://www.sweetwater1.org/groups/4800/curriculum_instruction_and_assessment/young_author_competion



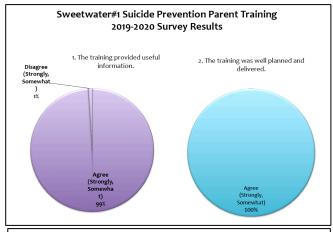
Canvas Introductory Training

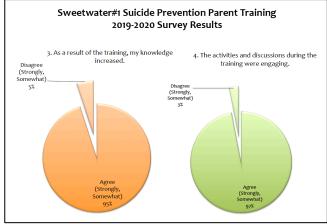
Teachers in Sweetwater #1 have access to Canvas, an online learning platform. An introduction to Canvas webinar is available by clicking on this link (<u>link here</u>).

Suicide Prevention

During January and February, the district sponsored Parent/Caregiver Suicide Prevention and Awareness Trainings in every school in the district. The purpose of these trainings are to provide information on suicide warning signs, risk factors and school/community resources available to support Sweetwater #1 families. Also, parents learned about the training the students will be participating in their schools.

Parents and participants took a survey and provided feedback to the district and presenters about the effectiveness of the trainings. The survey data indicated that 99% of the participants thought that the training was useful, 100% of the participants related that the training was well planned and delivered. Parents also agreed that the training increased their knowledge (95%) and 97% said that the activities and discussions were engaging.





Spring Standardized Testing Canceled

On March 20, the U.S. Department of Education granted Wyoming a waiver from federal assessments and accountability requirements. The WDE has suspended WY-ALT testing, canceled WY-TOPP summative testing and ACT testing for the school year 2019-20. Also, no formal accountability determinations will be made for the 2019-20 school year.