

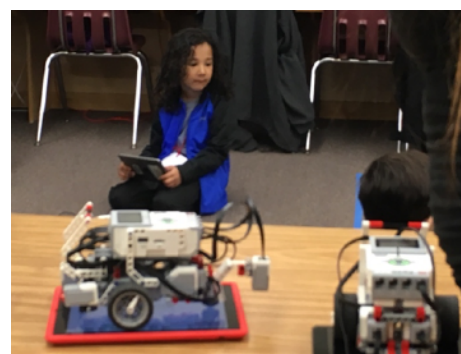
 *SCSD#1 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Newsletter May 2018*



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Desert View Elementary Hosts a Staycation

On April 14, Desert View staff, students, and families spent their Saturday at school for the second 21st Century (21 CCLC) Staycation- I-Robots! With the support of Sharon Seaton and her Black Butte High School Bionic Bears First Team Challenge robotics team and Wyocszone, students constructed, programmed, and ran various robots including Lego Mindstorm, EB3, and Little Bits R2D2 droids, produced green screen technology Stickbot movies, read technical directions with Snap Circuits and made Bristlebots with toothbrush heads! Students then made Robot themed pancakes with breakfast items supplied through the Food Research in Action/Albertsons grant. It was a great day for learning and exploration! Watch a video of the Staycation [HERE](#).



Academic Vision: To implement the Instructional Model which includes purposeful planning, quality instruction, resources, and assessment.

BBHS Students Receive Award

On April 25, BBHS Principal Mike Maloney and Science Teacher Sharon Seaton accepted an award from Governor Matt Mead for Black Butte High School's participation in the Go Girls Cyberstart Challenge in January. The certificate and check for \$1250.00 was awarded to BBHS for the highest number of girls that participated in the challenge.

BBHS had 8 girls who formed 2 teams. The Lady Bionic Bears and the Bear Storm. The girls had to solve computer puzzles, program tasks, and break codes.



STEM Program Visits SCSD#1

This month, Black Butte High School, Farson-Eden High School, and Rock Springs High School will host a group of Wyoming Army and Air Guard as they display their STEM program to get students interested in STEM careers. The Army and Air Guard will display two different Virtual Reality platforms, the interactive Oculus Rift and Samsung Gear VR with Samsung Galaxy S7 cell phones which show educational videos. A pack-bot EOD robot and a Forward Looking InfraRed (FLIR) will also be available for students to experience.

Grants and Federal Programs

Thank you to our staff for your work this year in supporting grant and federal funding opportunities for our students!

If you are interested in applying for a grant, have feedback, comments, or questions, contact the Director of Grants and Federal Programs, Shannon Garrison at garrisons@sw1.k12.wy.us or ext. 1247.

English Learners (EL)

On Saturday, April 21st a team from SCSD#1 attended the 3rd Annual Wyoming ESL Conference. The conference focused on improving learning for English Learners.

Thank you to Barbara Rezzonico, Kevin Harper, Valerie Woods, Scot Pies, Christine Pettibone, and Shannon Garrison for attending this learning opportunity for the district. The Conference offered a variety of sessions such as Vocabulary Instruction for English Learners, Promoting Effective Collaboration among Content Area Teachers and English Learner Teachers, Innovative Teaching Ideas that Provide Differentiated Instruction to Meet the Needs of ELL's, Language and Functions: The Key to Acquiring Language and Content, and Effective Collaboration Strategies for Classroom/Content ELL Professionals, to name a few.

Check out the conference [session and handouts!](#)

CIA Open Positions

The Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment office has several open positions for which applications or letters of interest are being sought for the 2018-2019 academic year. The various positions serve different functions, have different time commitments, and different compensation. Just click the position below to find out more details. For all positions, applications will be accepted until 8:00am on Friday May 18, 2018. All open positions are listed below.

- [Subject Area Committee \(SAC\):](#)

- o English Language Arts: Grade 6 Certified Teacher Representation
- o Fine Arts: Grades 5-6 Certified Teacher Representation
- o Mathematics: Grade 1 & 5 Certified Teacher Representation
- o Science: Grade 5 Certified Teacher Representation
- o Counseling: K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 Certified Counselor Representation, Administrator Representation

- [Community Curriculum Council \(CCC\):](#)

- o Certified Teacher Grades 3-4
- o Certified Teacher Grades 5-6
- o Certified Teacher Grades 7-8
- o Certified Teacher Grades 9-12
- o Special Education Representation
- o SEA Representation
- o Administrator 5-6
- o Administrator 7-8

- [Frontier Days Coordinator](#)

- [Elementary English Language Arts District Department Chair](#)

- [Young Author Judges](#)



Report Card Update

Elementary schools had the opportunity to review a draft of the elementary report cards and provide feedback.

Due to the feedback from staff and administrators, K-2 Foreign Language benchmarks will not be on the new report card. To ensure staff have the knowledge, resources and skills to implement the K-2 Foreign Language Curriculum Maps, the district will be providing training and supplemental K-2 Foreign Language resources.

To support the implementation of the newly drafted report card, training for all staff will be provided in the fall.

Coming Soon!

The CIA office, in coordination with Math SAC members and Eliza Thomas, are developing a Math Intervention Handbook. While having a similar look to the Reading Intervention Handbook, the Math Intervention Handbook will include strategies, skill assessments, vocabulary and much more.

Look for more information regarding the handbook in the fall!

State Young Author Winners!



Young Author State Winners!

Alaina Kothe
Honorable Mention
Seventh Grade Poetry

Rheanna Fuller
First Place
Eleventh Grade Poetry

Celeste Keelin
First Place
Tenth Grade Non-Fiction



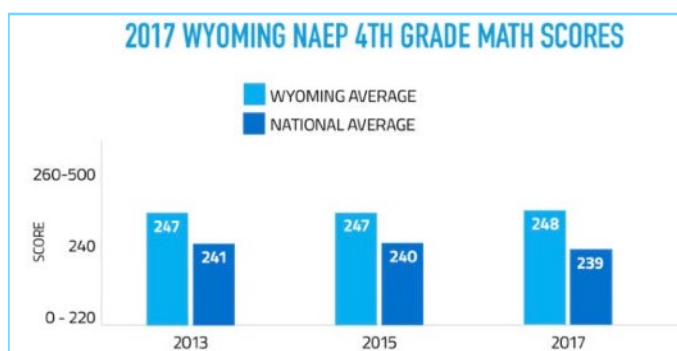
Wyoming Continues to Outscore the NAEP National Average in 4th and 8th Grade

The WDE recently released the WY NAEP reading and mathematics results. Overall, Wyoming's 4th and 8th grade students continue to outperform national average test scores in reading and mathematics on the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), known as the Nation's Report Card.

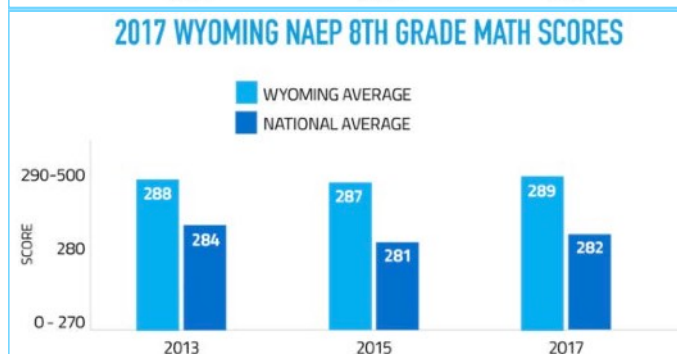
Unlike the state's WY-TOPP assessments, which test all students, NAEP is administered to a statistical sample of students and does not render individual test results for students or their schools. As such, NAEP data represent a sampling of Wyoming students.

NAEP testing is administered every two years in reading and mathematics to 4th and 8th grade students. All fifty states participate in the assessment, as well as the District of Columbia and Department of Defense (DoD) schools. NAEP provides an external reference or point-of-comparison to audit, review, and compare each state's educational program. Additionally, NAEP provides a stable trend line for tracking achievement during the current flux nationally in state testing programs.

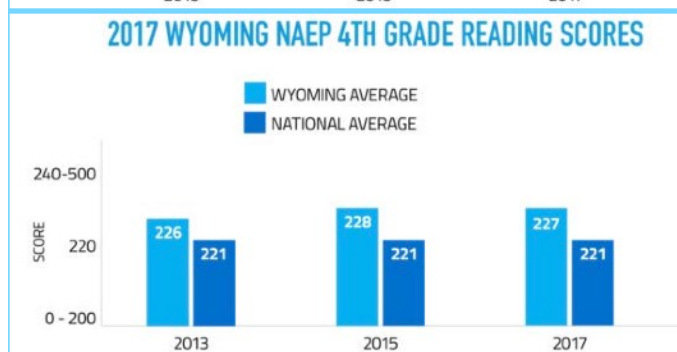
For more details go to the [WDE NAEP](#) webpage, scroll down to the lower portion of the page and click 2017 NAEP.



No state performed above Wyoming's average NAEP score in grade four mathematics in 2017 (in 2015, two states had higher grade four math scores). Additionally, Wyoming was one of only six states with over 50 percent of students in the sample scoring proficient or advanced.

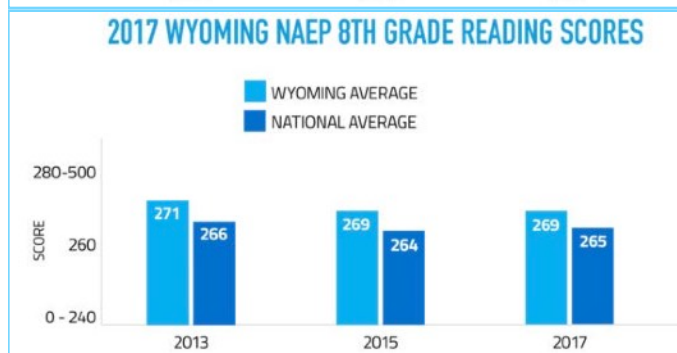


Another bright spot in the new results was an increase in grade eight mathematics scores for the state's Native American students; their increased performance in mathematics during 2017 significantly reduced the achievement gap between Native American and White students in Wyoming as previously reported in 2015.



Overall, average reading and mathematics scores in Wyoming for both grades four and eight were statistically unchanged from NAEP results reported in 2015.

Similarly over the four-year reporting period from 2013 to 2017, Wyoming results in reading and mathematics at both grades were statistically flat or unchanged.



WY-TOPP Benchmarks/Proficiency Scales Set This Summer

In July, a panel of Wyoming educators will review Wyoming student's work to make recommendations on where to place benchmarks and proficiency levels with the WDE for the new WY-TOPP assessments.

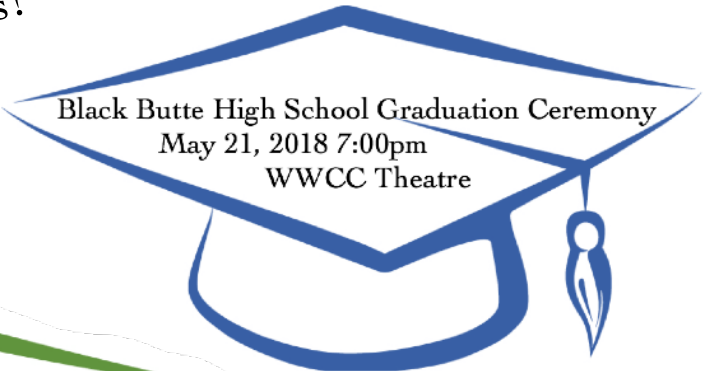
Once benchmarks are in place, AIR will be able to score the summative and K-2 interim assessments. Results will be released by WDE in the fall of the 2018-19 school year.

ACCESS Testing Results

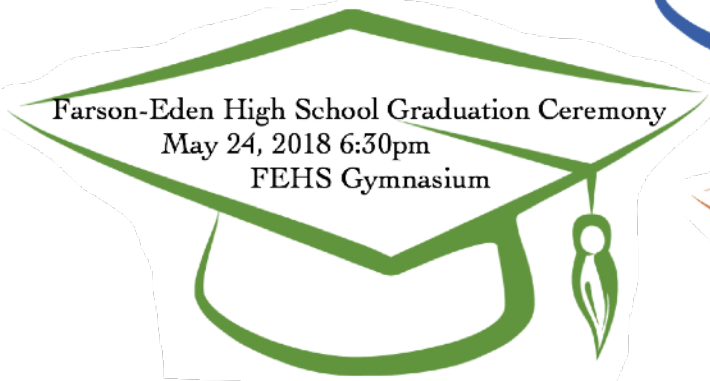
In January and February, SCSD#1 English Learner students took the ACCESS assessment. ACCESS results will be released on May 14 to school districts. Once released, EL teachers will review, analyze, and be asked to share results with all that support our English Learners. Please contact your school's EL teacher or Shannon Garrison with any questions.

Enjoy the last month of school and thank you again for all that you do for our students!


Graduation Events!



Black Butte High School Graduation Ceremony
May 21, 2018 7:00pm
WWCC Theatre



Farson-Eden High School Graduation Ceremony
May 24, 2018 6:30pm
FEHS Gymnasium



Rock Springs High School Graduation Ceremony
May 26, 2018 10:00am
Tiger Stadium

Back to School Reminders

- Board Meetings
 - May 14
 - June 11
 - July 18
 - August 13
- July 31—Administrators' First Day Back
- August 14—Teachers' First Day Back
- August 20—Students' First Day Back

Whether its SACs or Summer Academies don't forget to attend your summer sessions!

Check the calendars at the end of this newsletter for dates or find your original Summer Academy confirmation email for your info!

2018 Summer School Calendar							June							May						
							S	M	T	W	T	F	S							
												1	2	May 28- Memorial Day Holiday						
							3	4	5	6	7	8	9	May 29-May 31 BBHS/RSJS in session						
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							17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
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														July						
														July 4 Holiday						
														July 12-13 Classroom Prep						
														July 16-27 Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade in session						

- Summer school for grades 9-12 will take place at BBHS and RSJS for their respective students from May 29 through June 22.
- Rural summer school will include Farson-Eden and Desert Schools and take place from July 16- July 17.
- Summer school for Pre-K through 5th grade students will take place at Pilot Butte and summer school for grades 6-8 will take place at RSJH. Both schools will start July 16 and end July 27.

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CCC Meeting Board Rm 4pm-6pm	2 Hands On STEAM Exploration Desert View Library 4:30-6:30	3	4	5
6	7 Health/PE SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm Teacher Leader/ District Dept Chair Meeting Board Rm 4:30pm-5:30pm	8	9 CANVAS Jumpstart PDC Rm 4pm-6pm	10	11 Social Studies SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm WY-TOPP Window Closes	12
13	14 AMP Meeting Board Rm 8am-11:30am	15 CCC/Proficiency Scales Training Board Rm 8am-4pm	16 Math SAC/Weston Board Rm 8am-4pm Universal Screening Ends	17 Fine & Performing Arts SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm	18	19
20	21 BBHS Graduation WWCC Theatre 7:00pm	22	23 Last Day for Students	24 Professional Development Day FEHS Graduation FEHS Gymnasium 6:30pm	25	26 RSHS Graduation Tiger Stadium 10:00am
27	28	29 ELA SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm BBHS/RSHS Summer School Begins	30 ELA SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm	31 ELA SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm		

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ELA SAC Board Rm 8am-4pm	2
3	4 Foreign Language SAC CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00 FOSS Science Kit Revision Summer Academies	5 Foreign Language SAC CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00 FOSS Science Kit Revision Summer Academies	6 Foreign Language SAC CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00 FOSS Science Kit Revision Summer Academies	7 Foreign Language SAC CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00 FOSS Science Kit Revision Summer Academies	8	9
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17	18 SAC Make-Up Day CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00	19 SAC Make-Up Day CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00	20	21	22 BBHS/ RSHS Summer School Ends	23
24	25 Summer Academies	26 Summer Academies	27 Summer Academies	28 Summer Academies	29	30

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Summer Academies	10 Summer Academies	11 Summer Academies	12 Summer Academies	13	14
15	16 Summer Academies K-8/Rural Summer School Begins	17 Summer Academies	18 Summer Academies	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 K-8/Rural Summer School Ends	28
29	30 Summer Academies	31 Summer Academies First Day for Administrators				

August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Social Studies Adoption CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00 Summer Academies	2 Social Studies Adoption CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00	3 Social Studies Adoption CAB Board Rm 8:00-4:00	4
5	6	7	8 Summer Academies	9 Summer Academies	10	11
12	13	14 First Day for Teachers	15	16	17	18
19	20 First Day for Students	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		