



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.

WYTOPP INTERIMS



The WYTOPP Winter Interims will be open January 12th to February 5th, 2021. The interim assessments available will be ELA grades 3rd – 10th, Math Grades 1st – 10th, Writing Grades 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th. If you would like testing support, please contact the CIA office.

COMMON ASSESSMENT DATA COLLECTION

Beginning second semester, you will be getting access to a google doc where common assessment data will be collected district wide. The spreadsheet contains a list of students and includes spaces for all of your common assessments. Please add the final assessment score to the spreadsheet. Please start with the assessment you are currently giving to your students. After you enter the data, the scores are rolled into a district-wide summary spreadsheet. Data from all schools will be available for review.

ACT Spring 2021



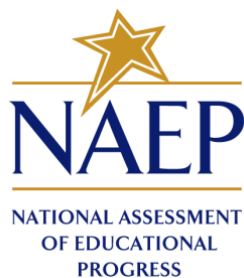
ACT will be administered to all juniors in Sweetwater County School District #1 on April 20, 2021. Farson-Eden and Black Butte High School will be given in an online format, Rock Springs High School will be giving the assessment in a traditional paper format.

Computer Science Standards Update



Full implementation of the Computer Science Standards is required by all districts during the 2022-2023 school year. A copy of the Computer Science standards is available by [clicking here](#). The standards include Computing Systems, Networks & the Internet, Data Analysis, Algorithms & Programs as well as the Impacts of Computing. For example, a second grade standards include that students will be familiar with touch devices, be able to protect and safeguard their information and work respectfully and responsibly with others in an online environment. While an 8th grade student will be able to represent data using multiple encoding schemes, use computational tools to transform collected data, make data more useful and reliable as well as creating flowcharts and pseudocode to design algorithms to solve complex problems. Free resources including lesson plans are available for teachers who teach grades K-12 by going to [NYC Computer Science for All](#).

NAEP Testing Cancelled



The National Center for Education Statistics commissioner has officially postponed the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 assessments. The NAEP, which is often called the Nation's Report Card, is the only assessment that measures what students know and can do in various subjects across the nation. This decision moves the grades 4 and 8 mathematics and reading assessments to the 2021-2022 school year. NAEP results are available by [clicking here](#).

ACCESS for ELL Testing

The annual ACCESS testing will be administered January 19th – February 26th, 2021. ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills. Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to fully participate in the classroom. Data from the ACCESS test is used by the state for building accountability on the Wyoming Accountability In Education Act (WAEA) report and determining whether students are meeting proficiency in English Language development.

Basic information for the ACCESS test is below:

- Is administered to Kindergarten through Grade 12 students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs)
- Is given annually to monitor students' progress in learning academic English
- Meets U.S. federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for monitoring and reporting ELLs' progress toward English language proficiency
- Is anchored in the WIDA English Language Development Standards
- Assesses the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing