



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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Young Author Competition

The annual Young Author Competition will begin soon! Emails will be sent to staff at the beginning of October. The district Young Author webpage will be updated with entry forms and information soon. Contact Tammy Macy with any questions macyt@sw1.k12.wy.us or 352-3400 ext. 1259. Please [click here](#) for the link.

Universal Screening Acadience Data

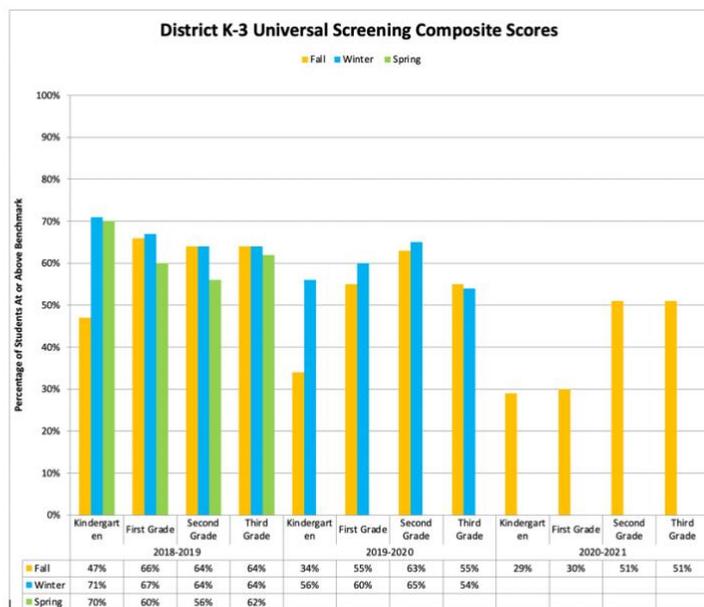
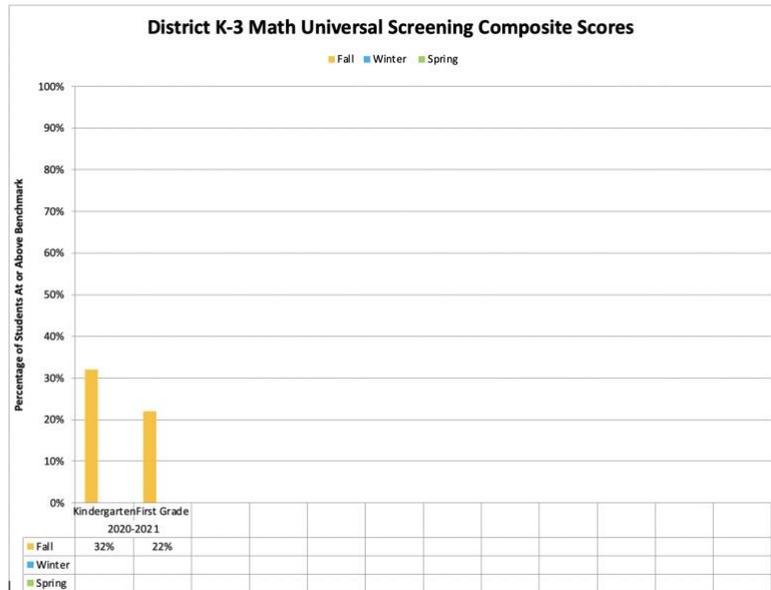
Math was a new component of Universal Screening this year. Kindergarten and First Grade students were screened using the Acadience Math Assessments. An informational video is available at http://www.sweetwater1.org/2021_training_and_professional_development. The data is displayed below.

Reading data is also displayed below. Over the course of three years, incoming Kindergarten students have shown a decline in scores. However, Kindergarten students tend to make the most progress over the course of a school year. First through third grade students generally show a decrease in overall scores in the fall. These students tend to show improvements in the winter. We look forward to seeing growth among all grades this year.

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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.



Google Drive: Assessments



The CIA office has been creating shared google drives for teacher resources. Within the google drives are the Curriculum Expectations, WYTOPP Blueprints, Intervention Handbooks and District Common Assessments. Download and use the District Common Assessments from these google shared folders as they are the most current. In addition, the Reading Intervention Handbook has been updated and added to each folder. For further assistance on the google shared folders you can contact Tammy Macy at macyt@sw1.k12.wy.us.

District Common Assessment Validation Survey Links

The English Language Arts (ELA) SAC grades 9-12 teams need your input in providing feedback on the ELA district common assessments that are being implemented this year. The SAC teams will meet in the Spring to review validation surveys and make revisions as necessary. Access the validation surveys to submit your input. Please [click here](#) for link.

WYTOPP Science Update



Science Blueprints for WYTOPP

The new [2021 Wyoming Science Assessment Blueprint](#) for WY-TOPP which will assess students on the [2016 Wyoming Science Standards](#) are available.

A Change for WYTOPP Science (4th, 8th and 10th grades)

Reminder: the new WY-TOPP Science Summative Assessment, which was slated for this school year, has been pushed out a year due to canceled assessments in spring 2020 due to COVID-19.

Updated Science Practice Tests

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), through Cambium Assessments, will add Science Practice Tests to the [Training Tests](#) found on the Wyoming Assessment Portal on September 15, 2020. These practice tests are aligned to the 2016 Wyoming Science Standards and

are available by grade band (Elementary, Middle School, High School) to students in grades 3-10.

ACT: Make-Up Testing for Seniors



On October 6, all Sweetwater County School District #1 seniors will have the opportunity to participate in the ACT test that was missed last spring. For the first time in years, the assessment will be given via paper and pencil. Another option is for students to get a voucher and take the assessment during national dates. Please contact your school counselor if you have questions.

Gifted & Talented Update



Gifted and talented program will expand to the 2nd grade beginning second semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning in late October, all second grade students will be pre-screened on their iPads to identify eligibility to test for the Gifted and Talented program. The screening tool will provide data to help identify students who think differently and would grow in this program. The test assesses Picture and Verbal Analogies, Number Analogies and Figure Matrices. Using data from the assessment, top students will then take the CoGAT, which will provide data for placement and or remediation opportunities. Second semester, second grade students who qualify, will begin Gifted and Talented classes.

Assessment Calendar

An updated 20-21 Assessment Calendar is available by clicking on this link ([Assessment Calendar](#)). Changes include the addition of NAEP for Grades: 4 and 8.

Sweetwater #1 Virtual Education Moving Forward

Sweetwater #1 is moving forward with designing online courses for secondary students in Sweetwater #1. The goal is to have all of the courses, with options, required for the General (18 credit) diploma available to our students next year. Also, these online courses can be used to expand learning options for all Sweetwater students, including credit recovery, remediation, enrichment, as well as earning an online diploma. This work is being supported by funding from the consolidated grant. Teachers who are designing the courses will participate in virtual professional development which will focus on how to create an appealing

and engaging class aligned to curriculum maps and focused on community inquiry.

Dr. Rhonda Gamble is the coordinator of the program. If you have questions, please contact [Dr. Gamble](#) or the [CIA office](#).

