JAG NEWS

OCTOBER 2026



From the Principals

We couldn't be prouder of our students and the positive energy, growth, and dedication they bring to our campus every single day! Walk through our halls, and you'll see our Jaguars taking charge of their education—staying on schedule, arriving to class on time, and diving into learning with real enthusiasm.

Across every classroom, our students are truly thriving:

- Academic Achievement: They're exploring new ideas in Math, U.S. History, Social Studies, Science, Business, and Spanish, while developing leadership skills in JROTC.
- Creative Expression: Beyond core subjects, their talents shine through hands-on projects, artwork, music, and powerful writing.

Our teachers are right there alongside them, tailoring lessons to make sure every child understands and reaches their full potential. Just as importantly, our Jaguars are learning how to care for one another. Through our school-wide focus on Kindness and the Sources of Strength program, we are building a safe, supportive, and connected school family together.

Mrs. Searle, Mrs. Erspamer and Mr. Lott



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Understanding JAG Time

A Guide for Parents & Teachers

What is JAG Time?

JAG Time is a dedicated block built into our daily schedule for intervention and enrichment. It is not a catch-up period – it exists to make sure every student gets exactly the support (or challenge) they need in math and ELA.

What Happens During JAG Time

- **Re-teaching for absences:** If your child was absent when a new concept was taught, a teacher will re-teach that lesson in a small group so your child understands it before doing related work – not by figuring it out alone at home.
- **Targeted skill support:** Students who need extra practice with a specific math or ELA skill work in small groups with a teacher who can give focused, one-on-one attention.
- **Enrichment:** Students who have mastered a skill are challenged with deeper or extended learning, rather than sitting idle or reviewing material they already know.

What JAG Time Is Not

- It is not time to finish classwork that wasn't completed during class.
- It is not a general homework or study hall period.
- It is not "catch-up" time for work unrelated to a missed lesson.

Because JAG Time is targeted intervention and enrichment, keeping it protected for that purpose is what allows teachers to give struggling students the small-group re-teaching they need, and give advanced students meaningful enrichment.



What is Homework?

Homework is designed as independent practice to reinforce skills your child has already learned in class. It gives students an opportunity to build confidence, practice responsibility, and apply their knowledge on their own. Because the focus is on independent practice, teacher support during homework is limited.

Missing Work vs. Homework

Missing class work due to an absence is treated differently than regular homework. If your child misses school while a new concept is being taught, they will not be expected to teach themselves at home. Instead, teachers use JAG Time – our dedicated support block – to re-teach the missed lesson in a small-group setting, ensuring your child fully understands the material before completing any related assignments.

Quick Reference

	Homework	JAG Time
Purpose	Independent practice of learned skills	Re-teaching, intervention, or enrichment
Teacher support	Limited	Small-group, direct support
For unfinished classwork?	No	No
For students who were absent?	No	Yes — missed lessons are re-taught here

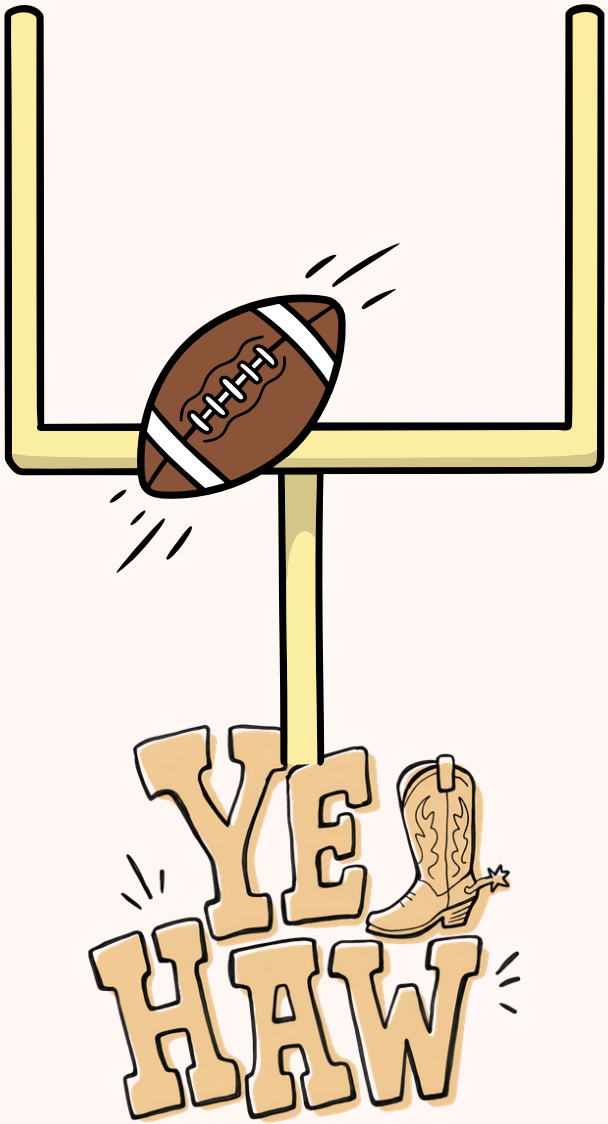




October Sports Schedule



Football	Friday, October 2, 2026	8:30 AM	Big Piney	Big Piney	7th and 8th B only
Volleyball	Tuesday, October 6, 2026	4:00 PM	EMS/DMS/Star Valley/Jackson	Evanston	7th and 8th A Only
Football	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	6:00 PM	Lincoln	Rock Springs	8th A&B (7:30 A) Sweetwater Bowl
Volleyball	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	4:30 PM	Farson	Farson	7th/8th B
Volleyball	Wednesday, October 7, 2026	4:30 AM	Lander	Rock Springs	7th and 8th C
Cross Country	Thursday, October 8, 2026	4:00 PM	Mountain View	Fort Bridger	
Football	Thursday, October 8, 2026	4:00 PM	Lincoln	Green River	7th A&B
Volleyball	Friday, October 9, 2026	10:00 AM	Conference Tournament	Mountain View	7th and 8th – A only
Band	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	6:00 PM	Band	Rock Springs HS Auditorium	
Cross Country	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	4:00 AM	Star Valley	Star Valley	Conference
DC Meeting	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	6:30 PM	DC Meeting	Rock Springs HS Auditorium	
Girls Basketball	Thursday, October 29, 2026	4:30 PM	Farson	Rock Springs	7th and 8th C Only
Wrestling	Saturday, October 31, 2026	9:00 AM	Lincoln Middle School Invite	Green River	





ROCK SPRINGS JUNIOR HIGH

ATTENTION JAGUAR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Are You Ready to Play? Read the Rules Below!



1. DRAGONFLY FIRST (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

Before you set foot on the field or court for tryouts or practice, you **MUST** have the following completed in DragonFly:

- **Up-to-date Physical**
- **Proof of Medical Insurance**

No DragonFly status = No practice or tryouts!

2. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Keep your grades up so you don't miss out on game day!

- **Previous Quarter:** You must have passed ALL classes during the previous quarter to be eligible to play.
- **Weekly Grade Checks:**
  - A soft pull is run Monday morning and sent directly to coaches.
  - If you have any failing grades, you have until Thursday at **NOON** to get all grades to passing.
  - Pass by Thursday at **NOON** = Eligible to compete through the following Thursday.

Got questions about your grades? Talk to the Athletic Director ASAP!

3. ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- **Full-Day Attendance:** You must be present in all scheduled classes on the day of a practice or competition to participate.
- **Exceptions:** Only faculty-excused absences or pre-approved medical appointments are accepted.
- **Communication:** Always notify the Athletic Director in advance regarding any attendance exceptions.

QUESTIONS? Reach out to the Athletic Director right away to stay eligible and stay in the game!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to continue to welcome parents/ guardians to volunteer at RSJH. You can help from home or on campus. Please reach out to Mrs. Searle for more information.



District Vision

Empowering all learners to become resilient, innovative, and compassionate individuals equipped with the knowledge, skills, and character to thrive in the global community.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The School Board recognizes that, within certain limits, each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the ability of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance except when their choices affect the educational program of the schools or the health and safety of the student or others. As a part of learning to live within appropriate limits, as one must do in all workplaces and professions, students are expected to follow the Student Dress Code. Cleanliness, modesty and appropriate clothing for the academic environment are minimum standards. Clothing that has sexually explicit messaging or symbols, condoning of violence or suicide, or suggestive of drug/alcohol/tobacco use is not acceptable. Clothing will be worn in the manner in which it is intended.

Athletic/activity clothing worn during physical education classes, competition and practice will be given special consideration due to the participation requirements governed by the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

District personnel have the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of pupils and maintaining proper and appropriate conditions conducive to learning.

A student's dress or grooming shall not:

Present a hazard to the health or safety of the student or to others in the school,

Materially interfere with school work, create disorder, disrupt the educational program,

cause excessive wear or damage to school property.

prevent the student from achieving their educational objectives,

include, but not limited to any type of clothing, accessory and /or jewelry that is worn with the intent to convey affiliation with a criminal gang.

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. It is recommended that students wear hard or rubber-soled shoes, commonly known as dress or casual shoes, athletic court shoes or sandals.

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences



Thursday October 8th. 4:30-8:00pm
Friday October 9th 8:00-11:30am

Conferences will take place in staff classrooms.
Please recognize that wait time to speak to staff on Thursday night can be longer.
Fridays seem to be less crowded.
The book fair will also be open during the listed hours.
You can pay for fees and fines during conference times in the office.





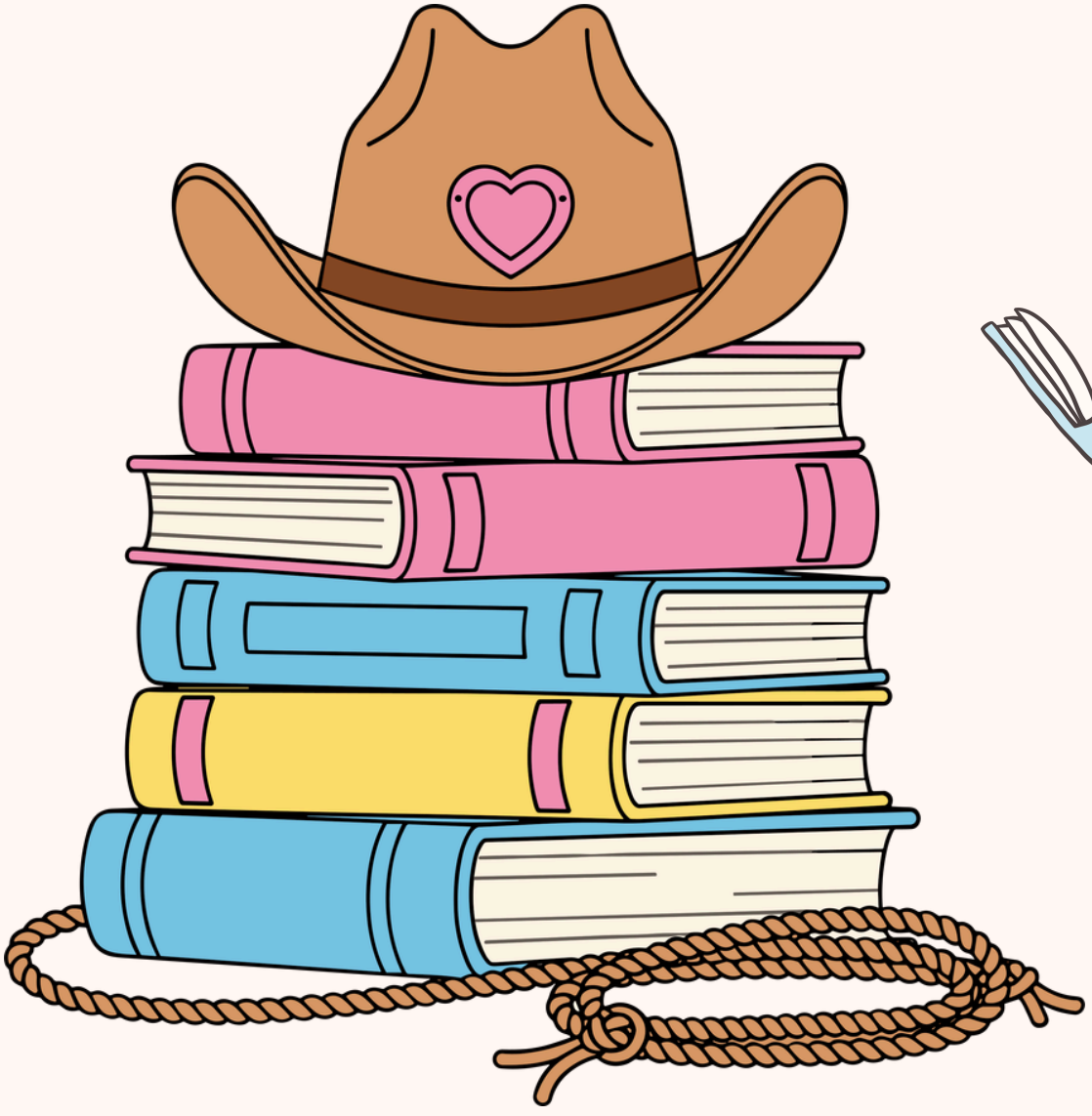


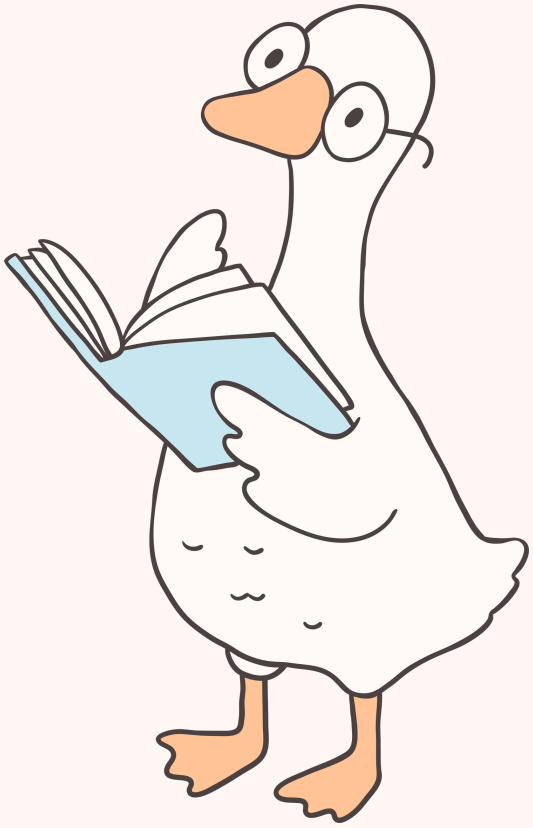
Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parent - Teacher Conferences are held during the first and third quarters. Parent-Teacher Conferences may be held at any time at the request of the legal parents/guardians or teachers when they feel it is in the student's best interest to discuss school programs and progress.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be open in the RSJH Library on Thursday October 9th and Friday, October 10th during Parent-Teacher Conferences in the main hallway. The book fair is more than a fundraiser, it provides core memories for students of all ages. Non-fiction, fiction, coloring/ activity books, trinkets, and more. The book fair has a little something for everyone.





Grading Policy

GRADING SCALE – SEVENTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE

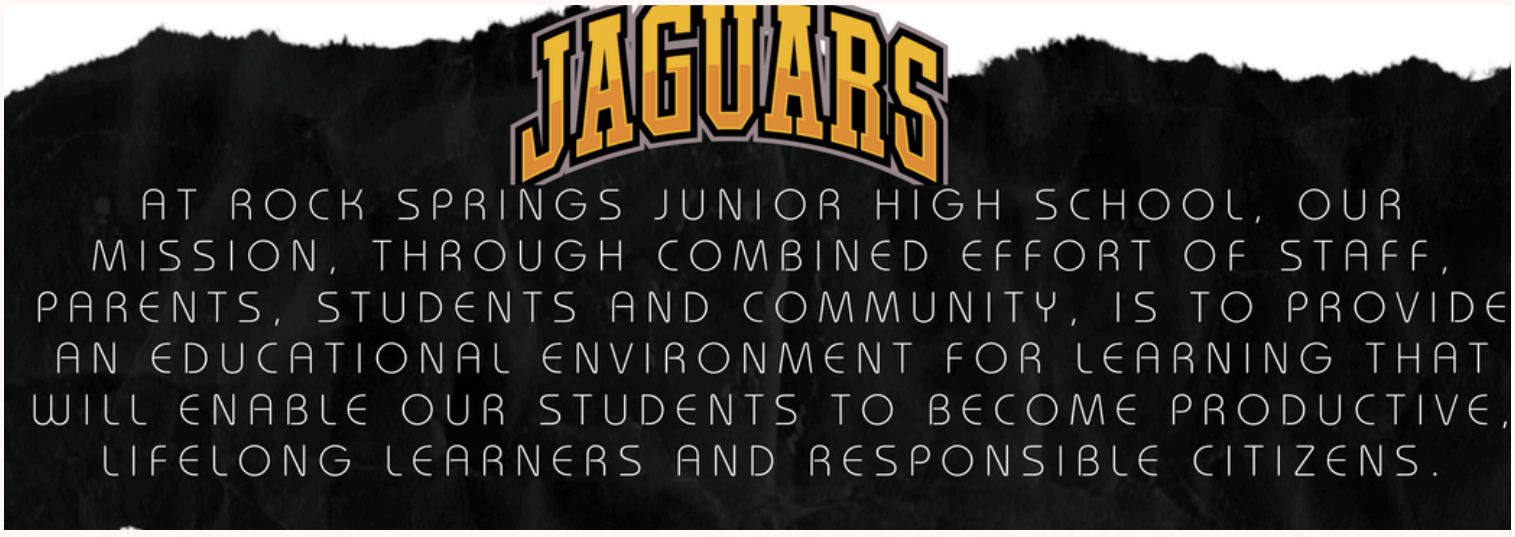
100 - 90 A	4 GPA Points
89 - 80 B	3 GPA Points
79 - 70 C	2 GPA Points
69 - 60 D	1 GPA Point
59 — O	Incomplete



GPA

No Grade NG O points
High Quality HQ
Needs Improvement NI
Satisfactory S
Unsatisfactory U





Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phone Procedures K-8

Sweetwater School District One recognizes the importance of communication and collaboration, and provides devices for students to be productive in the classroom. Students in grades K-8 will be permitted to bring personal telecommunication devices on school property. To prevent disruptions and distractions to the learning environment, and to keep students focused on academics, students will not be permitted to possess or use personal telecommunication devices during school hours. Possession and use of devices will be limited as follows:

· Students will be required to turn any devices off and keep such devices in their school lockers or other school designated location before the morning bell rings, until school is released for the day.

· The use of any device or camera capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in classrooms, locker rooms, or restroom areas at all times.

· The District is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device.

· If a student needs to make an emergency phone call, or a parent or guardian needs to contact a student during the day, the student shall make or receive such phone calls at the school's office.

Procedure Violations of Students in Grades K-12

Teachers will first give a warning and re-direction of the violation of this procedure, any subsequent violation will result in the device being confiscated and sent to the school's office. A confiscated device will be returned as follows: For a first offense, students may pick up the device at the end of the school day. For subsequent offenses, parents must pick up the device from a building administrator. For a third offense, administration will determine further consequences and parents must pick up the phone.

Students not following teacher or other staff directives related to this procedure will be deemed to be acting in open defiance of school authority. This may result in a disciplinary referral.

If a personal telecommunication device is a device that is able to transmit telephonic, electronic, digital, cellular, or radio communications. Examples of personal telecommunication devices include, but are not limited to mobile telephones, laptop computers, mp3 music players, pagers, smart watches, and tablets.

Student Electronic Signaling Mobile Communication Devices

Policy File: JFCN



