

This year, 389 students from Sweetwater County School District #1 (SCSD#1) schools entered stories into the annual Young Author Contest. Students in grades K- 12 at Desert View, Eastside, Farson-Eden, Lincoln, Northpark, Overland, Pilot Butte, Rock Springs Junior High, Rock Springs High School, Sage, Stagecoach, Walnut and Westridge all had students submit entries to the contest.

Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Poetry entries are judged using a 6 + 1 trait scoring rubric provided by the state of Wyoming. SCSD#1 recognizes all participants with a Certificate of Participation and a pencil, eraser, and notepad. First, second, and third place winners were recognized at a celebration on March 9, 2017 in the Rock Springs Junior High School Auditorium. First place winners received a plaque and certificate, while second and third place winners received a certificate and a journal.

First place entrants from SCSD#1 will now compete against first place entrants from SCSD#2 and Holy Spirit Catholic School. These students will be recognized at the Sweetwater County Young Author Contest Celebration on March 29, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Rock Springs Junior High School Auditorium.

Tammy Macy, District Young Author Coordinator said, "As always I appreciate the effort that students put into their writing entries. The judges and I enjoy reading them and hope that students continue to write and be excited to write. I hope students continue to submit entries to the Young Author Contest. SCSD#1 recently focused on improving writing in the classroom and this year the quality of submissions notably improved from previous years. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and teachers for continued support of the Young Author Contest. I look forward to seeing many of these names again next year."

This year's winners and their stories can be found at:

[http://www.sweetwater1.org/groups/4800/curriculum instruction and assessment/young author results](http://www.sweetwater1.org/groups/4800/curriculum_instruction_and_assessment/young_author_results)