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Celebrating Progress: A Year-End Review of Our CSIP SMART Goals

As we close the chapter on an incredible 2024–2025 school year and prepare to launch into a new one, I'm proud to share the meaningful progress we've made toward our **Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP)**.

These SMART goals are more than words on a page—they reflect our shared values, vision, and relentless pursuit of excellence. I'm thrilled to report that **we've achieved or made strong progress in all three priority areas during the 2024-2025 school year!**

Priority Area 1: Teaching & Learning

CKLA Curriculum Fully Implemented (Grades K–6)

Russellville Elementary implemented the CKLA curriculum with energy and expertise—and the result was statewide recognition! **U.S. News & World Report** named us one of Missouri's **Best Elementary Schools for 2025**. Amazing work by our teachers and instructional team!

Collaboration & RTI Time Embedded at RHS

High school students benefited from dedicated collaboration and RTI time this year, helping reduce D's and F's and **eliminating the need for summer school remediation**. This shows how structure and support can truly change outcomes.

On-Campus Dual Credit Psychology – Approved!

This fall, RHS students can take **General Psychology (PSY 101)** in person with college professor **Mr. Russ Lewis**, thanks to our partnership with **State Fair Community College**. This complements:

- Online Dual Credit through Central Methodist University
- College Algebra through Truman State University
- New Advanced Placement courses at the High School (beginning 2025–2026)

Priority Area 2: Collaborative Culture & Staffing

Revitalized PLCs – WE Time Takes Off

Thursday early releases became “**WE Time**” (Work & Empowerment), giving teachers voice, leadership, and collaboration time. Engagement is up, and our PLC teams are making waves. A team also attended the **St. Louis PLC Conference** to continue growing this momentum!

New Teacher Hires for 2025–2026

We’re excited to welcome new educators to the Russellville family:

- **Ivee Giles** – Special Education
- **Matt Witt** – High School Science
- **Kathleen Henson** – Elementary BCBA

Welcome aboard—we’re thrilled to have you join our team!

Priority Area 3: Funding & Facilities

Raising the Base Salary – In Motion

We’ve taken bold steps toward our salary goal, raising the base from **\$34,000 to \$37,000** and securing a **\$40,000 minimum** for certified staff.

Looking forward, our long-term roadmap for step 10 with a masters degree is as follows:

- \$47,000 in 2026–2027
- \$48,000 in 2027–2028

CTE Grant Awarded – \$61,250 for Hands-On Learning

Thanks to the leadership of **Nathan Strobel** and **Ellen Romero**, we received the **Vocational-Technical Education Enhancement Grant**, unlocking over **\$43,000 in state funds** for:

- Welding, plumbing, and electrical tools
- CNC Shark and propane forge
- Food science and woodshop equipment

These investments directly support our students’ career and technical skill development in agriculture, industrial tech, and food science.

Facility & Program Enhancements

New High School Gym Floor completed

New Elementary Playground – Supported by the Scrap Tire Grant, installation of the new playground equipment is scheduled to be completed before the first day of school.

Expanded Pre-K Program – Our pre-K students attended school tuition-free in 2024–2025 through the MOQPK Grant. We’ve reapplied for 2025–2026!

We would like to extend a huge thanks to our facilities team! Your work behind the scenes makes a massive impact on learning environments!

New Missouri School Safety Law – SB 68

Signed by **Governor Kehoe**, **Senate Bill 68** (effective August 28) includes key provisions for:

- Emergency response planning
- Anti-intruder door locks
- Stop the Bleed kits
- Active shooter & CPR training
- Behavioral risk assessments

We will provide training and updates as needed.

Learn more at: governor.mo.gov/actions/legislative-actions

Updated Handbooks for 2025–2026

Our student and employee handbooks have been fully aligned with **EdCounsel Governance Solutions** to ensure:

- Legal compliance
- Consistency across schools
- Clear, updated expectations for all

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important effort!

Back-to-School Kickoff – August 12–18

We're gearing up for an exciting return! Here's what to expect:

- **Aug 12–13:** New Teacher Orientation
- **Aug 14–15:** All Staff Return (breakfast, PLCs, tech/HR sessions)
- **Aug 18 (Day):** District PD, Safety Training, BBQ
- **Aug 18 (Evening):** Open House, 5:30–7:30 PM

End-of-Year Staff Celebration – May 14

Staff gathered at **Wasserlauf Valley** to celebrate a year of hard work, connection, and achievement. We recognized dedicated team members for their years of service:

5 Years

Carlie Green
Justice Gardner
Amy Rush

10 Years

Dana Schad
Christina Pitman
Laurie Anderson
Cathy Trigg

15 Years

Felicia Leslie
Lucas Branson

20 Years

Kristen Heidbreder
Theresa Pistel
Sheri Koestner
Amber Shepherd

25 Years

Tina Kauffman
Denita Jenkins
Carol Koestner

We are so grateful for your loyalty, impact, and heart for students!

District Track Meet Shout-Out!

At the **District Track Meet** in New Bloomfield on May 10, we received glowing compliments from another district's fans about **our incredible concession stand**—some even suggested Russellville host *every postseason event!*

A huge THANK YOU to **Renee Bungart** for her top-tier coordination and pride in making the experience outstanding. Also:

- Lucas Branson** for his support
- Rachel Brizendine** for helping organize
- All clubs and volunteers** who ran concessions with excellence

Your teamwork left a lasting impression—thank you for representing Russellville with pride!

Final Thoughts

Cole County R-I is more than a school district—it's a community united in purpose, progress, and pride. Thank you to our families, staff, and supporters for making 2024–2025 a year of achievement and momentum.

Here's to an amazing 2025–2026—we can't wait to welcome everyone back!

With gratitude,
Jeff Jennewein
Superintendent | Cole County R-I Schools

Board Minutes

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at coler1indians.socs.net under the Board of Education tab. Agendas and meeting minutes for previous school years may be found under Archived Agendas in the Board of Education tab.



FOOD TRUCK LINE-UP for OPEN HOUSE

August 14—5:30-6:30pm—RJ's Italian Ice will be at the elementary building during Pre-K/Kindergarten open house.

August 18—5:30-7:30pm—Big Cheese, Miracle Whips, RJ's Italian Ice, and Livin' Aloha will be at the elementary building during open house. Kwik Lemonade and Chick-fil-A (NHS Fundraiser) will be at the junior high/high school building.

2025 – 2026 COLE CO. R-1 RUSSELLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLPRE-SCHOOL (PS) AND HUG

5 Pkgs. Glue Sticks (2 HUG) (3 PS)
 4 Rolls of Paper Towels (2 EACH)
 1 Full-size Backpack (Both)
 1 Blanket (PS)
 2 Pkg. Dry Erase Marker (1 EACH)
 Tri-fold Resting Mat - BOTH
 1 Package Baby Wipes (PS)
 3 Pkg. Clorox Wipes (1 HUG) (2 PS)
 Change of Clothing-Marked
 w/Name
 8 Boxes 24 Count Crayon (4 EACH)
 1 Hand Sanitizer- BOTH
 1 - 8 Count Watercolor Paint-BOTH
 4 Boxes Classic Color Markers (2
 EA)
 4 Box of Kleenex (2 EACH)
 1 Box of Gallon Sandwich Bags
 (HUG)
 2 Pack Ticonderoga Pencils (PS)
 1 Hand Soap (HUG)
 2 Plastic Folders w/Brads (PS)
 4 Packs Playdoh (PS)
 1 Pair of Scissors (HUG)
 1 Pkg. Small Paper Plates (PS)
 Boys – Paper Plates (HUG)
 Girls – Brown Paper Bags (HUG)

KINDERGARTEN

1 Backpack
 1 Tri-Fold Rest Mat
 4 Boxes of 16 Count Crayons
 1 Plastic Pocket Folder w/Prongs
 4 Glue Sticks
 1 Four pack of Dry Erase Markers
 1 Dozen Ticonderoga Pencils
 1 Package Clorox Wipes
 1 Pair Headphones *NO Earbuds*
 1 Box Kleenex
 2 Rolls Paper Towels
 1 Box Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
 1 Ten Count Washable Markers
 Change of Clothing-Marked
 w/Name
 1 Can of Play-doh of any color

FIRST GRADE

2 Boxes of 24 Count Crayons
 1 Large Eraser
 1 Pair Headphones *NO Earbuds*
 School Box (5" X 8")
 2 Plastic Pocket Folders

1 Ten Pack Washable Markers
 Scissors
 1 Roll of Paper Towels
 1- 4 Pack Dry Erase Markers Black
 1 One Subject Spiral Notebooks

FIRST GRADE CONTINUED

1 Package of Clorox Wipes
 20 Ticonderoga Pencils
 1 Large Box Kleenex
 2 Packages of Glue Sticks

SECOND GRADE

2 Dozen Ticonderoga Pencils
 1 Box of 24 Count Crayons
 School Box
 1 Large Box Kleenex
 4 Black Dry Erase Markers
 1 Two Pocket Plastic Folder
 1 Spiral Notebook-wide ruled
 2 Erasers
 Scissors
 2 Red Pens
 Markers
 1 Plastic Folder w/Brads & Pockets
 2 Glue Sticks
 1 Package Lysol / Clorox Wipes
 1 Pair Headphones
 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
 1 Box Zip Lock Bags

THIRD GRADE

2 Dozen Pencils
 1 Box of 24 count crayons
 4 Large Glue Sticks
 School Box
 1 Box Kleenex
 3 Plastic-2 Pocket Folders
 w/Fasteners
 Eraser
 1 Bottle of Glue
 Scissors
 1 Pair Earbuds or Headphones
 2 Spiral Single Subject Notebook
 8 Dry Erase Markers (Black)
 Boys – Clorox Wipes
 Girls – Quart Size Bags
 1 Pack of Washable Markers
 1 Roll of Paper Towels

FOURTH GRADE

Dozen Pencils
 Small Art Box
 24 Pack of Crayons
 2 Colored Grading Pens
 2 Glue Sticks
 1 Bottle Elmer's Glue
 Scissors
 1 Box Kleenex
 2 Highlighters (Different Colors)
 4 Black Expo Markers
 Clorox Wipes
 1 Pkg. Index Cards 3x5 Ruled
 1 Pkg. Post It Notes
 1 Black Sharpie
 6 Pocket Folders
 1 Pair Earbuds or Headphones

FIFTH GRADE

Pencils
 1 Pkg. Coloring Markers or Pencils
 2 Package Notebook Paper-Wide
 Highlighters- (Various colors)
 2 Boxes Kleenex
 1 Container Disinfecting Wipes
 8 Black Dry Erase Expo Markers
 1 Pair of Earbuds-Headphones
 Computer Mouse (Optional)
 1 Package Index Cards
 2 Folders w/Pockets & Brads
 2 Glue Sticks
 1-0.5" Three Ring Binder
 2 Roll of Paper Towels
 1 Pencil Pouch/Art Box

SIXTH GRADE

1 Package Highlighters (Various
 Colors)
 1 Pair of Earbuds
 Pencils
 Pens (Red, Blue, Black)
 Pencil Bag
 Computer Mouse (Optional)
 2-2 Pocket Folders w/Prongs
 4 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
 1- 1" Three Ring Binder
 1 Package Loose Leaf Paper-Wide
 Ruled
 2 Boxes Kleenex
 1 Container Disinfectant Wipes
 1 Package Coloring Markers

Cole Co. R-1 Russellville
JH/HS Supply List
2025-2026

7th Grade Students

2 - 1-inch 3 -ring binder
1 - pkg binder dividers
2 - 2-pocket folders
1 - Spiral Notebook
1 - Composition Notebook
1 - pkg Loose Leaf Paper
4 - Boxes of pencils
1 - pkg highlighters
1 - pkg dry erase markers
1 - pkg Colored Pencils
2 - pkg notecards
Earbuds - must be wired
Scientific Calculator
2 - Boxes of Kleenex
1 - Bottle Hand Sanitizer (boys)
1 - Clorox wipes (girls)
1 - Box of Kleenex (Art Only)
1 - pkg of Sharpies any size (Art Only)

8th Grade Students

2 - 1-inch 3 - ring binder
1 - pkg binder dividers
2 - 2-pocket folders
1 - Spiral Notebook
1 - Composition Notebook
1 - pkg Loose Leaf Paper
4 - Boxes of Pencils
1 - pkg highlighter
1 - pkg dry erase markers
1 - pkg Colored Pencils
2 - pkg notecards
Earbuds - must be wired
Scientific Calculator
2 - Boxes of Kleenex
1 - Bottle Hand Sanitizer (boys)
1 - Clorox wipes (girls)
1 - Clorox Wipes (Art Only)
1 - pkg of Sharpies any size
(Art Only)

7th Grade Reading:

1 - 3-ring binder w/ pockets

Agriculture Classes JH & HS

1 - 1 to 2 inch binder
Class specific materials will be requested later.

High School students will receive requested school supply list upon attendance of each course.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS from the Nurse *Christie Murphy, RN*

Following are some reminders for the 2025-2026 school year affecting certain grade levels and all students due to current Missouri state laws.

8th Grade: Tdap and MCV4 Vaccinations: Tdap (tetanus booster with pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) vaccines are required for students enrolled in 8th grade. **The deadline to submit proof of Tdap and MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.** If your child needs this immunization, contact your physician or clinic. Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV4, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to the school office. The vaccines may also be received at the Cole County Health Department. Bring your child's immunization record with you. For more information, their phone number is 573-636-2181.

12th Grade: MCV4 vaccinations (2 doses): Two doses of MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) are required for students enrolled in 12th grade. If the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older, then only one dose is required. **The deadline to submit proof of MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.**

Kindergarten Immunizations: A current and updated immunization record must be provided to the school before they can attend. The final set of vaccinations that Kindergarten enrollees must receive **after** their 4th birthday and before entering Kindergarten include: another Dtap, polio, a 2nd MMR, and a 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If the child has had chickenpox disease, proof of disease must be provided in the form of a written statement signed by a physician documenting the month and year the child had chickenpox. Parental verification is not accepted. Immunizations can be obtained through the child's physician or by appt. at the Cole Co. Health Dept. For more information, call 573-636-2181.

Preschool Immunizations: A current and updated immunization record must be provided to the school before they can attend.

District-wide Medication policy reminder for all grades: Medication must be delivered to and picked up from school by a parent or designated adult. Long-term daily prescription medications given during school hours require a written physician authorization with pharmacy-labeled container. **New authorization is required for the new school year even if there was no change to your child's prescription.** If the dosage changes during the school year, an updated authorization is also required. Additional rules to the medication policy are in the school handbooks. For clarification, call Christie Murphy at 782-4814.

Student health history forms: In August, your child will bring home a new Student Health Information form. All students **must** return this form each school year. Please ensure that the pain reliever and cough drop permission line is marked according to your preference to be administered to your child as needed from the nurse's supply.

Food substitutions: If your child will require food substitutions due to a medically diagnosed condition, a specific form entitled **"Medical Statement for Student Requiring Special Meals"** will need to be completed by their physician. Copies of the form are available in the school nurse's office or on the school website. Note: *This form must be in place before dietary accommodations can be made.

Nurse's section website: Check out the **Nurse and Wellness** link on the school district website home page to find medication forms, health condition forms, and the food substitution form.

Have a safe and active summer!

PUBLIC RELEASE

July 2025

Cole County R-1 School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,345	\$1,696	\$392	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$557
2	27,495	2,292	529	39,128	3,261	753
3	34,645	2,888	667	49,303	4,109	949
4	41,795	3,483	804	59,478	4,957	1,144
5	48,945	4,079	942	69,653	5,805	1,340
6	56,095	4,675	1,079	79,828	6,653	1,536
7	63,245	5,271	1,217	90,003	7,501	1,731
8	70,395	5,867	1,354	100,178	8,349	1,927
Each add'l member	+7,150	+596	+138	+10,175	+848	+196

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the Central Office Administrative Assistant will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the Superintendent. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

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USDA Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, [AD-3027](#), found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Free and Reduced Applications

Applications for free and reduced meals may be printed from the district website under the Schools tab—Enrollment Forms, or by following this link. <https://coler1indians.socs.net/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/649d96b33f68a/Free%20&%20Reduced%20meal%20application%202025-2026.pdf>

Applications will also be available for pick-up and drop off at the elementary and junior high/high school offices beginning Monday, August 4. Applications may also be mailed to Cole County R-I School District, 13600 Route C, Russellville, MO 65074.

Bus Transportation

By state law, all bus drivers must carry with them a roster of all students riding their bus. If your student(s) will need bus transportation to and/or from school, please complete the Transportation Information Form (on the next page and linked below) and email it to tweber@durhamschoolservices.com. Forms may also be picked up from building offices beginning Monday, August 4. **Bus forms must be completed in order for students to ride the bus, even if they were bus riders during the 2024-2025 school year.** To help ensure a seamless start to our bus routes, please have completed forms submitted by **Wednesday, August 13, 2025.**

<https://coler1indians.socs.net/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/611ff62e76fba/TransportationForm.pdf>



COLE COUNTY R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FORM

Cole County R-1 Elementary School
13111 Park St., Russellville MO 65074
Cole County R-1 Jr./Sr. High School
13600 Rt. C., Russellville, MO 65074

THIS SECTION IS USED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Parent/Guardian By state law, all bus drivers must carry with them a roster of all students riding their bus. Please fill out the information below so that your student(s) will be included on the roster. It is the Parent/Guardian's responsibility to have your child at the designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the morning pick-up time and drop-off time in the afternoon. This allows extra time for a safe pick-up and drop-off in case of unforeseen circumstances, road conditions, inclement weather, substitute drivers or mechanical problems.		
STUDENT'S NAME		GRADE
SIBLINGS		
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP-CODE
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	WORK PHONE
Does your student plan to use Cole County R-1 School District bus services throughout the year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, Cole County R-1 School District bus services will be used for the purpose of		<input type="checkbox"/> Pick up <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Off <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Before school my child will		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ride the bus from the following address	ADDRESS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Car rider with the following person	NAME OF PERSON STUDENT WILL RIDE TO SCHOOL WITH	
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk		
After school my child will		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ride the bus to the following address	ADDRESS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Car rider with the following person	NAME OF PERSON STUDENT WILL RIDE TO SCHOOL WITH	
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk		
ALTERNATE ROUTE		
Students will only be allowed to ride one bus to one destination, either home or to an alternate site. We realize on occasion there will be a need for your child to ride a different bus or be dropped off at an alternate location. We ask that you attempt to keep this to a minimum. On the day that your child does need to be dropped off at a spot other than your home/babysitter, we ask that you inform the office as early as possible so personnel can prepare the bus pass. Building offices are very busy at the end of the day and waiting until then will cause delays in buses being able to depart from school. The alternate stop must be on an established route.		
NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
ADDRESS		CITY
This alternate address will be used for the purpose of		<input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Off
Each day your child will be sent home as you have indicated above. Please notify the school office with any changes that may occur in transportation and/or contact information.		
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		DATE
OFFICE USE ONLY		
AM BUS #	AM PICKUP TIME	DRIVER
PM BUS #	PM DROP OFF TIME	DRIVER

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Email completed forms to Tina Weber at tweber@durhamschoolservices.com



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Dr. Jeff Jennewein, Superintendent
Mrs. Danielle Greubel, JH/HS Principal
Mr. Lucas Branson, Dean of Students

Dear community member,

At Russellville JH/HS, we believe that strong **relationships** are the foundation of every successful school. When students feel connected—to each other, to adults in the building, and to their community—they're more likely to thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. This year, we are proud to launch an exciting building wide initiative designed to build exactly that: **S.P.E.A.R. – Succeed, Perform, Enrich, Achieve, Relate.**

S.P.E.A.R. is a culture-building program that places all of our students into one of ten **student-led TRIBES**, where they'll build cross-grade connections, set and achieve goals together, and engage in positive competition rooted in school pride and personal growth. The focus is on **building relationships**, encouraging student voice, and fostering a sense of belonging. Through spirit days, challenges, service projects, and shared learning experiences, students will grow together—**10 Tribes, 2 Teams, One Family.**

To support this meaningful work, we are seeking **community sponsors** to help fund:

- **Custom Tribe T-shirts** for every student, used during TRIBE days and events.
- **Student rewards, service-learning activities, and educational field trips** that celebrate positive behavior and achievement.

Sponsorship Opportunities: [Link to Sponsor](#)

Sponsorship Tier	Benefits
TRIBE Champion – \$200	Your business's name and logo printed on our official S.P.E.A.R. student T-shirts, recognition on our school social media.
S.P.E.A.R. Partner – \$300+	All of the above PLUS: prominent placement of your logo on the S.P.E.A.R. banner displayed at all major JH/HS school events, and public acknowledgement of your role in funding student rewards, field trips, and service-learning projects.

Your support won't just be financial—it will be foundational in helping students feel seen, supported, and valued.

We would be honored to have your partnership. Donations can be made by check payable to **Cole R-1** (memo: *S.P.E.A.R. Program*), or email dgreubel@coler1indians.org for other arrangements or questions. We are happy to provide donation receipts and documentation for your records.

On behalf of our students and staff, thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in the next generation and help build the kind of school community every student deserves.

Thank you,

JH/HS Russellville Staff



SUCCESS · PERFORM · ENRICH · ACHIEVE · RELATE

10 Tribes, 2 Teams, One Family

The Cole R-1 JH/HS Building is placing an emphasis on building a positive culture in the 25/26 school year. We will do this by building positive relationships, encouraging student voice, and foster a sense of belonging. Spirit days, challenges, service projects, and shared learning experiences will help us growing together.

We would like to begin by providing S.P.E.A.R. T-Shirts for ALL student TRIBES. Throughout the school year TRIBES will participate in activities and events that will earn points. We will put an emphasis in participation through whole TRIBE celebrations. We would like to partner with our community to share in our students success!



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[Google Form](#)



Dual Credit Enrollment Assistance

August 4th and 5th—9:00am-2:00pm—JH/HS Library

Advanced Placement Informational Session

August 5th—6:00pm—JH/HS Cafeteria

COLE COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Russellville, MO 65074

Superintendent's Office—(573) 782-3534

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SCHOOL BEGINS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025!

Thursday, August 21, will be a regular school day with **dismissal at 3:30pm**. PLC meetings will resume on Thursday, August 28, with dismissal at 2:30pm.

Parents and guardians, please check your email and Infinite Campus Parent Portal for back-to-school updates and information, as well as links to help guide you through the start of the new year!

The parent portal will open on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Important Dates

August 10—School Supply Giveaway—6:00
–7:00pm—Trinity Lutheran Church Pavilion

August 20—First Day of School

August 21—NO THURS. PLC EARLY RELEASE
We will dismiss at 3:30pm.

August 28—Thursday PLC Early Release be-
gins—Dismiss at 2:30pm

September 1—NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

September 12—Picture Day

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Sub bus drivers needed—Please contact Tina We-
ber at 573-690-3256.

Substitute Teachers—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$100 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website (coler1indians.socs.net), or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.