

JR. HIGH COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

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Counseling Website

Check out our updated [counseling website!](#)

You will find resources for:

- Social and emotional well-being and difficult topics
- Student scheduling and course catalog
- School resources
- Forms to report bullying
- Forms to request counseling
- HOPE squad information
- Counseling calendar

8th grade CCR Meetings

Ms. Carter met with each 8th grade student for their college and career readiness meeting. The following topics were discussed during the meeting:

- YouScience results
- Academic grades & standardized testing
- Transcripts
- High school registration
- Future planning for college and careers

YouScience

YouScience is a program that uses a series of brain games to measure your aptitudes. The results use your strengths and interests and match them to over 500 careers including the necessary education.

Students were sent a link through their Summit email, but they can also access the program through any email.

College Week

March 23-27 was college week at Summit Academy Draper. Each day different activities were held to introduce and educate students about different college and career opportunities.

Students learned that any training beyond high school is considered college. They also learned about traditional colleges and technical schools.



MTECH Field Trip

8th grade students toured the Mountainland Technical College in Lehi. Students visited the buildings, viewed the programs, and heard from adults who had careers in the programs taught at MTECH.

High school students can enroll in MTECH or for a minimal cost and earn certifications before graduating.

To see a list of their programs, [click here](#).



RISE Testing

RISE testing is happening this spring. RISE stands for Readiness, Improvement, Success, and Empowerment. It measures students' skills in English, Science, and Math. Some grade levels also take a writing assessment.

These tests determine if students have mastery in a subject or if they need additional help to achieve proficiency. RISE testing also develops testing skills which will help students with future tests such as the SAT or ACT, AP tests, and career certification tests.

Registration

Registration is happening now for next year. Please check the counseling website for scheduling instructions.

Students have access to the course catalog which lists all required and elective classes taught at Summit Academy Draper.

Once students have their courses selected, they will schedule themselves on Aspire using these instructions. If students need help they can contact Ms. Carter for assistance.