## Annual Family Meetings Swink School District Swink, CO



Staff in Swink School District value getting to know students and families one-on-one. In a small, rural district, this is easily accomplished by inviting families to annual meetings at the start of each school year.

During these meetings, staff provide students and families with three main resources. The first is a letter that provides information on steps the students should be taking that year, such as resume building opportunities, SAT and ACT planning, and college planning. This information ensures that students and families don't miss out on important dates and activities. The second resource is a Goals Questionnaire that encourages students and families to start planning for the transition out of high school, whether it be college, technical school, military, or joining the work force. The third resource is a Resume Worksheet. Students begin using this worksheet during their freshman year to keep track of jobs, community service hours, and awards in one spot, making resume building an easy activity as students plan for their future.

While such meetings were initially intended for juniors and seniors, sophomore parents are beginning to request similar meetings, suggesting how successful this family-school partnering practice is in Swink School District.

