

Parent Email Record 2025-26

September

Hello, parents of GT Students!

We would like to introduce ourselves as the Gifted and Talented Coordinators at Fossil Ridge High School. Tara Rigby is a social studies teacher who has had the privilege of teaching students at Fossil for more than twenty years. This year, a portion of her duties will continue to be dedicated exclusively to serving our GT population. Carolyn Fries is a counselor who has a long history of advising our gifted learners. Together, we hope to serve as valuable resources for all of you this year.

You will receive periodic updates from us throughout the year to keep you informed of resources and opportunities for you and your GT students. Take a look at some of the following interesting selections.

Thank you for the support you continue to provide your students. We look forward to this opportunity to partner with you as advocates on this journey.

Sincerely,
Tara Rigby and Carolyn Fries

For Parents:

[Gifted Advisory Board Application](#): October 1 Deadline

There are stakeholder spots available on the PSD Gifted Advisory Board. The application provides details related to the purpose and obligations associated with this position.

[Parent Resources](#) on FRHS Website

Explore a variety of additional resources on the Gifted and Talented page of the FRHS website.

For your Students:

[Advanced Learning Plans](#) (ALPs):

ALP Assignments will be available through Xello in mid-October. You can find detailed instructions on our Website, and we will host ALP work sessions in the Media Center during the last week in October. A pass will be sent to students during their 1st or 2nd period classes. The ALP process should take 10–20 minutes to complete.

“Lunch and Learn” opportunities for GT Students:

We will continue our Lunch and Learn series presented by members of our Fossil Ridge staff. In the past, these sessions have included topics ranging from Poetry Deep Dives to the Science

of Harry Potter. Watch for more of these opportunities beginning in the Second Quarter. Students will receive an email with registration details.

[Student Resources](#) on FRHS Website

Explore a variety of additional resources on the Gifted and Talented page of the FRHS website.

[Video Contest:](#) The World of 8 Billion Challenge

Are you looking for creative ways to stand out on college applications? Create a one-minute video that addresses one of this year's global topics, suggests a sustainable solution, and connects how human population growth impacts that topic. There are cash prizes for winners.

Join Chess Club or Knowledge Bowl:

Are you searching for ways to get involved? Join us every Tuesday in Room E112 to play chess with friends and get tips from Coach Matt, our local Chessmates representative. Knowledge Bowl is an academic quiz bowl challenge and is currently looking for additional participants. Get in touch with [Mr. Riedel](#) if you are interested!

Careers in Natural Resources

Are you interested in a career in natural resources? Check out these websites for more information!

[Careers in Natural Resources Initiatives:](#) A guide for exploring careers in natural resources.

[Green Pathways:](#) "A Colorado-focused resource for high school students by high school students."