

School Accountability Committee (SAC)



We Want You on the SAC!

Join us (or just attend when you can!)

The School Accountability Committee (SAC) brings together parents, principals, teachers, and board members to share ideas, review survey data, and support positive change across our schools.

What We Do:

- Review and provide input on the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) (see back for details)
- Create and analyze the annual SAC survey
- Hear quarterly updates on student performance and school initiatives
- Host guest speakers from each campus

Why Join?

This is your chance to connect directly with principals and teachers, talk about what's working and what needs improvement, and help shape a better school experience for all students.

When & Where:

First Wednesday of each month (Sept–May)

5:30–6:30pm (before PTO meeting)

JA Elementary Conservatory and via Zoom (hybrid)

Time Commitment: About 1 hour per month (plus occasional survey work).

No RSVP or official membership required—just come check us out!

Website: <https://www.jajags.com/page/sac>; email SACj charter@gmail.com

Your input matters and makes a difference! Actions that have been implemented because of the SAC Survey:

- Band/Tech choice – resolved with Band/CKC option (2024–25)
- Calendar alignment (JAE + JAS) – resolved in 2023–24
- Elementary clubs expansion – 20% growth achieved at JAE
- Crosswalk at JAE – earlier safety improvement
- Homework & academic rigor – board-led workshops (2022–23) defined expectations
- Zoom/virtual board meetings – retained as a post-pandemic option
- Parent survey frequency – streamlined to one annual survey
- Summit campuses – feedback on parent events/connections (status unclear)
- Student achievement awards – implemented in 2024–25 school year
- Website usability/access – recurring item for improvement
- Volunteer database – launched by in 2024
- Secondary college prep & teaching engagement – ongoing, with new leadership in place
- Communication – longstanding concern; Spring 2025 ONE survey shows improvement

2025-2026 Meeting Dates

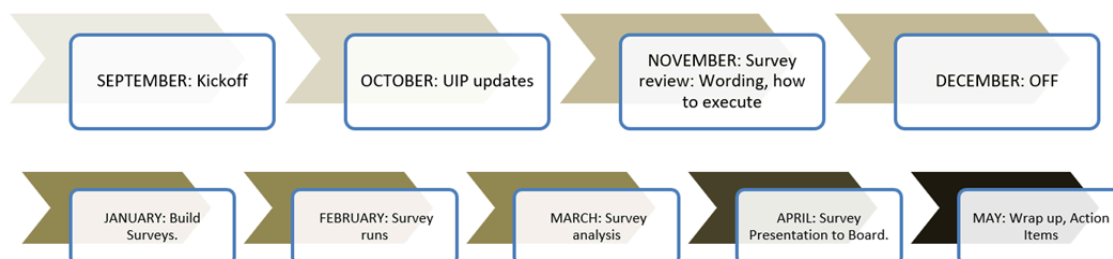
Month	Date
September	3, 2025
October	1, 2025
November	5, 2025
January	7, 2026
February	4, 2026
March	4, 2026
April	1, 2026
May	6, 2026

September 3, 2025 SAC Kickoff Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Welcome & Introductions	5 minutes
What is SAC and Why Your Voice Matters	5 minutes
Principal Presentations	40 minutes
Brendon Feddema – JA Elementary	
Ann Schultz – JA Secondary	
Allycia Taussig – JA Summit	
Stephanie Scarato – JA Summit Westminister	
Carrie Mott – JA Coal Creek Canyon	
Closing	5 minutes

Assigned SAC Representatives

Brendon Feddema, Principal: JA Elementary
Lauren Mattie, Teacher Representative: JA Elementary
Ann Schultz, Principal: JA Secondary
Ryan Mellott, Teacher Representative: JA Secondary
Allycia Taussig, Principal: JA Summit
Stephanie Scarato, Principal: JA Summit Westminister
Carrie Mott, Principal: JA Coal Creek Canyon
Tristina Pontiakos, JA Board
James Suckow, JA Board
Carissa Shaw, JA Elementary President
Stephanie Seiferth, Parent and SAC chair



What is a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)



A **Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)** is a framework used across Colorado public schools, including charter schools, to improve student outcomes. It is required by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and ensures that schools are held accountable for student achievement, growth, and equity. For charter schools in Jefferson County Public Schools (Jeffco), the UIP serves as both a state requirement and an important part of the charter renewal and accountability process.

Purpose

- To replace multiple disconnected planning requirements with one cohesive improvement plan.
- To ensure charter schools in Jeffco are addressing student achievement, growth, equity, and accountability in a structured and transparent way.

Key Components

- *Data Analysis* – Review student achievement data (CMAS, PSAT/SAT, NWEA MAP, attendance, graduation rates, etc.) to identify strengths and areas of concern.
- *Root Cause Analysis* – Identify why challenges exist (e.g., instructional gaps, resource allocation, student engagement, attendance).
- *Performance Targets* – Establish measurable goals for student achievement and growth that align with state and local expectations.
- *Major Improvement Strategies* – Select evidence-based practices and initiatives that will help meet the goals.
- *Action Steps* – Outline the specific tasks, who is responsible, and when they will be completed.
- *Monitoring & Adjustment* – Regularly check progress, share updates with the SAC and governing board, and make changes as needed.

Who Uses It

- Every charter school in Jefferson County creates and updates a UIP annually or biannually (depending on state performance ratings).
- The UIP is reviewed by the School Accountability Committee (SAC) at the school level and the District Accountability Committee (DAC) at the district level.
- For charter schools, the governing board also reviews the UIP to ensure alignment with the school's mission and charter contract.

Why It Matters for SAC

The SAC helps inform, encourage, and advise on the UIP process by:

- Providing input on priority areas based on parent, teacher, and community perspectives.
- Reviewing progress updates and monitoring how the school is meeting its performance targets.
- Ensuring the UIP reflects the values and needs of the school community.
- Offering feedback that helps guide both the school leadership team and the governing board.