



2025-2026 CALENDAR

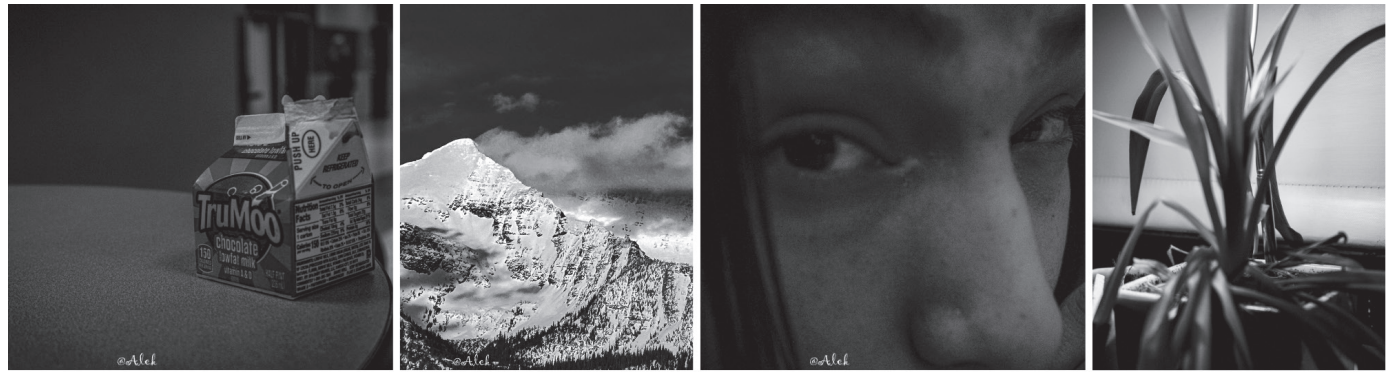


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Welcome From The Superintendent

Hello, MCPS Families,

The energy for a new school year is exciting, the possibilities are endless, and I couldn't be more thrilled to welcome you to what promises to be an extraordinary 2025-2026 school year!

As we open our doors once again, I'm reminded of the incredible collective of learners, dreamers, and innovators who make our MCPS community so special. Whether you're stepping into our hallways for the first time or returning as a familiar face, *you belong here*, and we're honored to be part of your educational journey.

This year, we're not just continuing traditions—we're creating new ones. We're not just meeting expectations—we're exceeding them. Together, we're building something remarkable: a learning environment where every student discovers their unique strengths, explores their passions, and develops the confidence to chase their biggest dreams.

The connections we forge this year—between students and teachers, families and staff, classrooms and community—will be the foundation for inspiring our learners. These relationships will spark curiosity, fuel resilience, and open doors to opportunities we haven't even imagined yet.

I'm energized by the dedicated educators who are ready to inspire, the engaged families who champion learning at home, and the students who bring fresh perspectives and boundless potential into our schools every single day. Together, we're not just preparing students for tests or graduation—we're preparing them to be thoughtful citizens, creative problem-solvers, and confident leaders.

Your voice matters, your partnership strengthens us, and your trust motivates us to give our absolute best. My commitment to you remains unwavering: I'm here to listen, to support, and to ensure that every decision we make puts our students first.

A new adventure begins with this school year, and I have never been more excited about what lies ahead.

With enthusiasm and gratitude,
Micah Hill,
Superintendent



2025-2026 SCHOOL START & DISMISSAL TIMES

ELEMENTARY (GRADES EL-5)

- START TIME - 8:10 AM
- DISMISSAL - 2:55 PM
- EARLY DISMISSAL THURSDAYS - 2:10 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)


- START TIME - 7:48 AM
- DISMISSAL - 2:43 PM
- EARLY DISMISSAL THURSDAYS - 1:58 PM

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

- START TIME - 8:35 AM
- DISMISSAL - 3:35 PM
- EARLY DISMISSAL THURSDAYS - 2:35 PM



AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Staff Development - No School	Staff Development - No School	First Day of School - Kinder Only First Day of School - 6th Grade Only First Day of School - All Grades at Willard First Day of School - 9th Grade Only	First Day of School - Grades (EL-5) (7-8) (10-12)	Seeley-Swan High School Friday School Day	



Student & Family Information

Infinite Campus

MCPS uses a student information system called Infinite Campus to provide direct access to a student's schedule, grades, assignments, attendance, meal balance and other helpful information. Families can also use Infinite Campus to pay for school meals and fees. Infinite Campus can be accessed on the web or by using the Campus Parent mobile app. For login information, please contact your student's school.

Finalsite Messages XR (Mass Notification)

MCPS uses this communication system to send messages to families, staff and older students via phone call, email, text message, and app notifications. Parent contact information - including phone numbers and email addresses - is imported from Infinite Campus, our student information system. To update contact information during the school year, please contact your student's school. Generally, the school secretary can assist with this task.

School Meal Information

School Meal Prices

School meal prices are subject to change during the 2025-26 school year.

- Elementary (Grades K-5)
Breakfast: Free
Lunch: \$3.00
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)
Breakfast: Free
Lunch: \$3.25
- High School (Grades 9-12)
Breakfast: \$2.25
Lunch: \$3.25

Free & Reduced Price Meals

Please be sure to fill out and return the *Free and Reduced Price Meal Application* included in your student's back-to-school packet. *Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications* are also available in Infinite Campus and on the MCPS website (www.mcpsmt.org) under the Food & Nutrition Services tab. Filling out the *Free and Reduced Price Meal Ap-*


plication allows eligible students to access free and affordable meals. It also provides important information for our school district by helping our schools get an accurate count of at-risk students. This information is necessary to qualify for federal funding through Title 1, which is used to pay for additional staff, professional development, family support services, and other things many students need. Even if you do not wish to have your child participate in the free or reduced price meals program, we encourage you to complete an application, as this information can still benefit other students at your school. The information provided on this application is kept completely confidential, as is students' participation in the free or reduced price meals program.

Food Information, Forms and Menus

The MCPS website (www.mcpsmt.org, under the Food & Nutrition Services tab) provides updated breakfast and lunch menus, as well as information about common food allergens used in various food items. Families can also find a Diet Request Form and Food Substitution Medical Statement on the MCPS website.



SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2	3	4 Early Out Thursday	5 Seeley-Swan High School Friday School Day	6
7	8	9 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	10	11 Early Out Thursday	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Early Out Thursday	19	20
21	22	23 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	24	25 Early Out Thursday	26	27
28	29	30				



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Charter Schools & Out-of-District Enrollment

MCPS Charter Schools:

The Montana Legislature passed state legislation allowing public school districts to create charter schools within their existing local district, operating under the supervision of the district's Board of Trustees.

With approval from the Montana Board of Public Education and the MCPS Board of Trustees, MCPS created two new charter schools that launched in Fall 2024: TEACH Academy and CONNECT Academy.

MCPS charter schools:

- Are intended to provide more educational options and expanded opportunities for students.
- Are part of MCPS. They do have some decision-making autonomy but also have District oversight and support.
- They are NOT a private, for-profit endeavor. They do not charge tuition (there is no cost for students to attend).

TEACH Academy

The Missoula TEACH Academy is an arts integration academy for students in Early Literacy through Grade 3. An arts

focus is integrated across the curriculum. The TEACH Academy also provides internship opportunities for aspiring educators.

For more information on how to apply, please contact Assistant Superintendent Vinny Giammona (vmgiammona@mcpsmt.org)

Connect Academy

The Missoula CONNECT Academy provides an online-based learning environment for grades 9-12. It is designed to meet the individual needs of students who may still wish to attend school in person part-time to participate in certain classes or activities. Teaching staff provide remote instruction but are also available to meet with students in-person as needed.

For more information on how to apply, please contact Head of School Nicholas Laatsch (nalaatsch@mcpsmt.org).

Enrolling with MCPS from Outside the District:

New state legislation has made it easier for students to enroll in public school

districts outside their district of residence. In April 2024, the MCPS Board of Trustees approved updates to Board policies concerning out-of-district student enrollment.

All out-of-district students, grades EL-12, seeking enrollment with MCPS must submit an application for admission for the succeeding school year. Application information and due dates can be found on the MCPS website, www.mcpsmt.org, by going to "Student Services," then "Student Registration."

Upon receipt by the District office, each completed application will be assigned a random and confidential non-identifying number to keep the student's name private.

The Superintendent will then submit a list of applicants to the Board of Trustees along with recommendations. The Superintendent recommends approval unless it negatively impacts education quality in specific ways, as outlined in Policy 3141. Applications will be recommended for disapproval if the student is/has been:

- Truant as defined in Section 20-5-106, MCA, in the last school district attended;

- Expelled by another school district at any time; or
- Suspended in another school district in any of the 3 school fiscal years preceding the school fiscal year for which attendance is requested. This Subsection C does not apply to a student who is eligible for special education or related services.

Parents/guardians who have submitted the completed form and supporting documents will be notified via email of the anticipated date for approval or disapproval by the Board of Trustees. Families of applicants who are recommended for the waitlist or disapproval may choose to discuss their child's application in a closed executive session of the Board of Trustees. The Board will approve or deny requests for nonresident enrollment during a Board meeting. Families of students who receive approval will be notified of their student's placement at a school determined by the District. Families of students who are enrolled from outside the District must repeat this process every school year in order to continue enrollment with MCPS.



OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Early Out Thursday	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Early Out Thursday	10	11
12	13	14 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	15	16 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	17 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	18
19	20	21	22	23 Early Out Thursday	24	25
26	27	28 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	29	30 Early Out Thursday	31 End of First Quarter Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12	

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Special Services for Students

Title I Services

Title I funds are used to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and achieve proficiency on standardized tests. The funds help school districts provide additional academic support and learning opportunities in schools that have a high percentage of students that participate in the federal Free and/or Reduced Meal Program. The Title I schools within MCPS are Franklin (including TEACH), Hawthorne, Lowell, and Russell elementary schools; C.S. Porter Middle School; and Big Sky, Hellgate and Seeley-Swan high schools.

Early Childhood Screening

MCPS sponsors a free early childhood screening for children ages 0-5. This screening takes place at Franklin Elementary School. Contact Franklin Elementary School at (406) 728-2400 ext. 2226 to schedule a screening.

Preschool Program

MCPS operates an early education preschool for children ages 3-5 at Franklin Elementary School. The Preschool Program offers child-centered developmental classes designed for children with and without disabilities. For more information Contact Franklin Elementary School at (406) 728-2400 ext. 2226.

Early Literacy

The MCPS Early Literacy Program is a free, full-time, classroom-based program offered during the regular school year. To enroll in Early Literacy for the 2026-2027 school year, children must be:

- 4 years old by September 10, 2026; or,
- born between May 1, 2022, and September 10, 2022.

The Early Literacy Program is designed to provide early literacy interventions for children who score below proficient in one of the early literacy skills as identified

through a screening process. Screenings for the 2026-2027 school year will be announced in early 2025.

Gifted Education

All second-grade students are screened for gifted identification once during the school year. Students can also be referred for testing. Meeting the needs of gifted learners is a shared responsibility between parents, educators and the community. The term “gifted and talented” refers to children of outstanding abilities who are capable of high performance and require differentiated educational programs beyond those normally offered in public schools in order to fully achieve their potential contribution to self and society. For more information, contact Language, Culture and Advanced Learning Coordinator Shirley Lindburg at (406) 728-2400 ext. 1057 or salindburg@mcpsmt.org.

The English Language Learner (ELL) Program (Title III)

Supports MCPS students who speak a language other than English and are acquiring English, or who have been influenced by an indigenous language. For more information, contact Language, Culture and Advanced Learning Coordinator Shirley Lindburg at (406) 728-2400 ext. 1057 or salindburg@mcpsmt.org.

Native American Student Services

Assists students in their social and academic progress through counseling and special programs. For more information, contact Native American Student Services Coordinator Billie Jo Juneau at (406) 728-2400 ext. 1063 or bjuneau@mcpsmt.org.


Vision and Hearing Screenings

Children in elementary schools receive screening for their hearing and vision.

Vision screenings are completed by trained nurses, student nurses, and volunteers in K-5 schools. Vision screenings are available upon request for middle and high school students. Hearing screenings are generally held during the months of September and October for kindergarten, first and 10th-grade students, and new students in all grades.



NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Records Day- WILLARD ONLY NO SCHOOL	4	5	6 Early Out Thursday	7 EL-5th Grade End of First Trimester	8
9	10	11 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	12	13 Conferencing Day - Half Day Dismissal EL-8th Grade	14 Conferencing Day - NO SCHOOL EL-8th Grade	15
16	17	18	19	20 Early Out Thursday	21	22
23	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	29
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Weather Notifications & Emergency Alerts

Weather Notifications:

When school is delayed or canceled due to weather, it is our District's goal to notify families, students, and the public by 6:30 AM. These decisions are based on input regarding road conditions from local law enforcement and our school bus partners at Beach Transportation.

Families will receive direct communication from their student's school or from the District in the form of emails, phone calls or text messages sent via Messages XR (Finalsite Mass Notification). This system delivers messages based on the contact information provided to your student's school, so please make sure to keep this information updated and notify your school secretary of any changes right away.

MCPS will post notifications about school delays or cancellations on our website homepage at www.mcpsmt.org. This information will also be posted

on each school's website homepage as applicable.

Families may be made aware of school delays or closures through local media. Please be sure to look for information related to Missoula County Public Schools or School District #1. Sometimes other schools in the area are affected and MCPS schools remain on normal schedules. If in doubt, check the MCPS District website or your student's school website.

If you learn that school buses are delayed or that school is starting late due to severe weather, keep students at home either until buses arrive or until school begins at the publicized time. Remember, teachers and other staff may also have difficulty getting to school and may not be available to supervise students.

Missoula County Public Schools will notify students and parents as early as

possible if severe weather or other circumstances require that:

- Schools delay their starting time OR
- Schools are closed and canceled for the day.

More information about Severe Weather and Other Notifications is available on the District website (www.mcpsmt.org) under the Communications Office tab.

Emergency Alerts:

In the event of an emergency or urgent alert, notifications will be sent to parents/guardians via automated phone/email/text message. Please make sure your student's school has current contact information in order to receive these notifications. Please DO NOT telephone the school or District for information during an emergency, as telephone lines will be needed for emergency response purposes.

MCPS will provide immediate initial notification to families, and then provide

updates as more information becomes available or until the situation has been resolved.

In the event of a school emergency that requires students to be evacuated from the school and relocated, please be assured MCPS will care for all students until a parent or guardian can pick them up, or until it is safe to transport the students to their homes by school district transportation. Only the parent or guardian or another adult officially approved of by the parent or guardian (and on record as such at MCPS) may pick up students. Approved adults must show their ID at the reunification site.

For more information about MCPS safety and security, emergency procedures and definitions, please visit the MCPS website at www.mcpsmt.org and select the "Communications Office" tab.



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DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Early Out Thursday	5	6
7	8	9 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	10	11 Early Out Thursday	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Early Out Thursday	19	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	30 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break			



Meet the MCPS Board of Trustees

Missoula County Public Schools is a unified school district with an 11-member elected Board of Trustees. Seven of the 11 trustees represent both elementary and high school districts: Jeffrey Avgeris, Christina Hayes, Koan Mercer, Wilena Old Person, Jenny Walsh, Meg Whicher, and Keegan Witt. The other four elected trustees represent outlying K-8 school districts that have students who attend MCPS high schools: Ann Wake (Lolo, Woodman and DeSmet districts); and Arlene Walker-Andrews (Bonner and Target Range districts), Leslie McShane (Hellgate Elementary district); and Lisa Davey (Seeley Lake Elementary district, Swan Valley, Clinton, Potomac and Sunset K-8 districts).

Meetings

The MCPS Board of Trustees generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Administrative Building A Boardroom, located at 909 South Avenue West. There are two exceptions: The Board meets twice a year, usually once in October and once in April, at Seeley-Swan High School in Seeley Lake rather than on the administrative campus in Missoula.

All board meetings are broadcast by Missoula Community Access Television on cable Channel 190 and on their Local Live page found at www.mcat.org. Recordings of all public board meetings are available on the MCPS Communications YouTube channel: youtube.com/MCPSCommunications.

Public Comment

The Board of Trustees accepts public comment from students, staff, parents and community members through a variety of avenues:

- Mail written comment to Board of Trustees, Administration Building A, 909 South Avenue W., Missoula, MT 59801.
- E-mail written comment to individual trustees (see email addresses below).
- E-mail written comment to publiccomment@mcpsmt.org.

All correspondence submitted to individual trustees, to all trustees, or to the publiccomment@mcpsmt.org email address becomes part of the public record. In accordance with Schedule 7: School District Records Schedule, correspondence sent to publiccomment@mcpsmt.org cannot be retracted or revised because it is placed into the board agenda packet which is deemed for permanent retention. If a revision is requested by the author, MCPS

will include the original and any revised versions in the next regular monthly meeting packet.

Public comments received by the District will be provided to trustees at their next regular monthly meeting (usually on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month), or any appropriate meeting that is scheduled sooner. Comments will also be posted on the District website (www.mcpsmt.org) and are generally updated on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays by 5 p.m.

Special Accommodations

Those needing special accommodations to attend a public meeting should contact the Superintendent's Office at 728-2400 ext. 1026 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

Trustees

****Jeffrey Avgeris** (Vice Chair - Elementary)

Email: javgeris@mcpsmt.org
Term Expires Year 2026

***Lisa Davey**

(Represents Seeley lake, Swan Valley, Clinton, Potomac & Sunset K-8 districts)
Email: ldavey@mcpsmt.org
Term Expires Year 2026

****Christina Hayes**

Email: chayes@mcpsmt.org
Term Expires Year 2027

***Leslie McShane**

(Represents Hellgate K-8 school district)
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Term Expires Year 2026

****Koan Mercer**

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Term Expires Year 2026

****Wilena Old Person** (Chair)

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Term Expires Year 2028

***Ann Wake**

(Represents Lolo, Woodman and DeSmet K-8 districts)
Email: awake@mcpsmt.org
Term Expires Year 2028

***Arlene Walker-Andrews** (Vice Chair - High School)

(Represents Bonner and Target Range districts)
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Term Expires Year 2027

****Jenny Walsh**

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Term Expires Year 2027

****Meg Whicher**

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Term Expires Year 2028

****Keegan Witt**

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Term Expires Year 2028

** Trustees who represent a high school district only*

*** Trustees who represent both elementary and high school districts*



JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	3
4	5	6	7	8 Early Out Thursday	9 Seeley-Swan High School Friday School Day	10
11	12	13 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	14	15 Early Out Thursday	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday NO SCHOOL	20	21	22 Early Out Thursday	23 End of First Semester/ Second Quarter Middle School High School	24
25	26 Records Day - WILLARD ONLY NO SCHOOL	27 Board Of Trustees Meeting 6pm	28	29 Early Out Thursday	30	31 



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Assessing Academic Achievement

Each year, Missoula County Public Schools administers a series of assessments to monitor the academic growth of students.

Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST)

During the 2025-26 school year, all Montana schools will implement the MAST. Students will take short, standards-aligned tests in math and English language arts throughout the year. The three testing windows will begin October 13, January 12 and March 30. This test is administered to students in grades 3-8.

Early Bird (EL-2) & Exact Path Reading and Language Arts (3-10)

Early Bird & Exact Path are the benchmark assessments we will use to monitor student growth throughout the year. Students in grades 1-10 will take their first adaptive assessment during the assessment window beginning on August 27. This data will be used to create individual supports and learning pathways for students. Students in grades 1-10 will test one additional time starting February 2. Students in grades EL-K will be assessed starting January 5 and again in a testing window opening May 4.

iReady Math (K-5)

iReady Math is the benchmark assessment for monitoring student growth Kindergarten-5th grade. The testing window for grades 1-5 will open on September 29 for fall screening and then again on May 4th for spring data. Kindergarten will screen in a window opening February 2 and then again in a window opening May 4th for spring data. The program provides differentiated digital mathematics instruction with thoughtful adaptivity to increase mathematical skills.

Exact Path Math (6-10)

Exact Path is the benchmark assessment we will use to monitor student growth in math for grade 6-10. Students will take their first adaptive assessment during the assessment window beginning on September 29th. This data will be used to create individual supports and learning pathways for students. Students in grades 6-10 will test one additional time starting March 2.

ACCESS for English Language Learners

The Office of Public Instruction requires an annual assessment of English language proficiency for limited English proficient students. ACCESS is a large-scale test that addresses the English

language development standards that form the core of MCPS' approach to instructing and testing English language learners. This test will be given to selected K-12 students during the months of January-March.

Montana Science Assessment

The Montana Science Assessment (MSA) is the general science assessment for academic statewide achievement reporting in Grades 5 and 8. The MSA is aligned to the Montana Content Standards (2016) in Science. It is used to provide state, district, school, and individual student achievement information on the state-adopted content standards in science

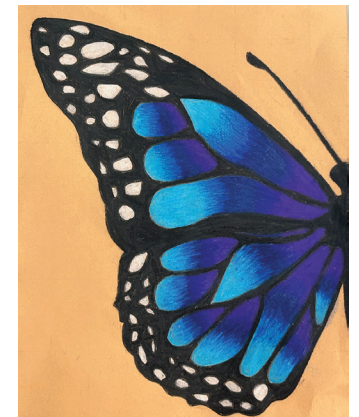
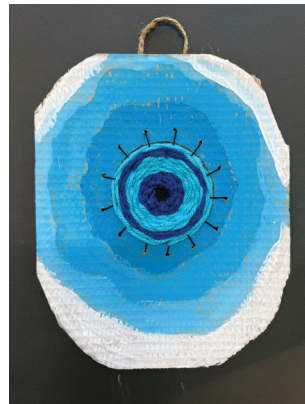
ACT

All MCPS students in Grade 11 will take the ACT and affiliated writing exam in the spring. The traditional fees associated with taking the ACT will be paid by MCPS, through a grant from the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

Parent Tips

- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep during the days that he or she is being tested.
- Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast on the day of the test.

- Talk with your child about the test. Reassure your child that the tests are given to help teachers understand what skills and information students need to learn, and how teachers can be better prepared. Help your child work through any stress or uneasiness that he or she may feel.
- Be sure to talk with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about the tests being given. Some test results are shared with state and federal education agencies.



FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Early Out Thursday	6	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	10 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	11	12 Early Out Thursday	13 Seeley-Swan High School Friday School Day	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day Holiday	17	18	19 Early Out Thursday	20	21
22	23	24 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	25	26 Early Out Thursday	27 EL-5th Grade End of Second Trimester	28 

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Early Literacy & Kindergarten Enrollment

Missoula County Public Schools offers full-day Early Literacy and Kindergarten classes in all of our elementary schools. March marks the start of our registration process for the next school year!

Registering as soon as possible gives new students the best chance of being enrolled in their neighborhood school, and once students are registered, their families can be connected with their school and begin receiving important information and updates!

Early Literacy

The MCPS Early Literacy Program is a free, full-time, classroom-based program offered during the regular school year. To enroll in Early Literacy for the 2026-2027 school year, children must be:

- 4 years old by September 10, 2026; or,
- born between May 1, 2022, and September 10, 2022.

The Early Literacy Program is designed to provide early literacy interventions for children who score below proficient in one of the early literacy skills as identified through a screening process. Screenings for the 2026-2027 school year will be announced in early 2026.

Kindergarten

Children who are age five (5 years old) on or before Sept. 10, 2026 are eligible to enter kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

The District begins registering new kindergarten students for fall 2026 in March 2026. To register your child for Kindergarten:

1. Identify the school your student will attend.

Students are assigned to schools in an attendance area according to the student's physical address and space

availability. To determine your student's attendance area, visit the MCPS website (www.mcpsmt.org).

Go to the Student Services tab and click on Attendance Boundaries, then enter the student's primary residence address into Infofinder.

2. Complete an Enrollment Application.

Enrollment applications and materials are available for a limited period of time online at www.mcpsmt.org, at attendance area schools, or at Administration Building A (909 South Avenue West). Enrollment materials may be submitted electronically or in person at the Administration Building A. All required materials must be provided to MCPS before an enrollment can be completed.

3. Complete additional forms.

In addition to the Enrollment Application, please complete the following registration documents:

- Free and Reduced Price Meal Application
- Health History Form
- Immunization Sharing
- Home Language Survey
- Residency Questionnaire
- Title VI Form

Copies of these forms are available on the MCPS website (www.mcpsmt.org) under Student Registration, then click on "Kindergarten Registration."

4. Provide required documentation.

Completed enrollment applications must be submitted along with the following required documentation:

- Copy of student's Certified Birth Certificate (NOT the hospital-issued Certificate of Live Birth).
- Copy of student's complete immunization record.
- Primary residential address verification. One item

that verifies the physical home address (i.e. power bill, water bill, garbage bill, landline phone bill that shows name and address of service, lease agreement).

5. Submit enrollment documents.

Enrollment applications and materials may be submitted by:

- Mail or in person to:
MCPS Administrative Campus Building A
Attn: Enrollment
909 South Avenue W.
Missoula, MT 59801
- Fax: (406) 542-4009
- Email: studentregistration@mcpsmt.org



MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Early Out Thursday	6	7
8	9	10 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	11	12 EL-5th Grade Conferencing Day - Half Day Dismissal	13 EL-5th Grade Conferencing Day - NO SCHOOL	14
15	16	17	18	19 Early Out Thursday	20	21
22	23	24 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	25	26 Early Out Thursday	27	28
29	30	31				



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Health Services for Students

Immunizations:

In accordance with Montana immunization law, all children must be immunized before they attend school. A child may be exempted from the immunization requirement by providing documentation from a licensed healthcare provider, who meets the requirements set by the state, that the child meets the state's criteria that the child's physical condition is such that immunization would seriously endanger life or health; or by providing a religious exemption form, which states that the student's religious teachings are opposed to immunization. Only official records signed by a physician, nurse or health department official will be accepted. Students will be excluded from school until all immunizations are current. Students who are not compliant may continue to attend if a conditional form and plan is completed. Immunization forms can be found on the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services website.

Allergies:

Parents should notify school staff if their child has a serious or life-threatening

allergy and complete an Anaphylaxis (Epipen) Emergency Action Plan. Parents should work with their child's school nurse, teacher, school principals, and the District's Food and Nutrition Services supervisor regarding any prescribed dietary needs and meal options. Parents should indicate that the student has an allergy on all field trip permission forms.

Each MCPS school maintains a stock supply of auto-injectable epinephrine to be administered immediately for actual or perceived anaphylaxis (life threatening allergic reaction) in any student by a school nurse or other authorized personnel in accordance with Montana law (MCA§20-5-421) and the District Medication Policy 3416. Stock epinephrine is not available on field trips and must be provided by the parent or legal guardian for any activity off of school grounds.

Administering Medication:

Parents are welcome to administer their own child's medications during the school day; however, school staff may not administer medications without a

physician's order. For your convenience, there is a "standing order" form that is already signed by a physician for recommended doses of acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil), Tums, hydrocortisone cream, and Benadryl. The school has a limited supply of these medications, but you may be asked to provide them if your student needs them regularly. If your child may have a need for these medications, please sign the standing order form. Any medication provided by a parent should be:

- A one-month supply.
- In the original container and labeled with the student's name.
- Accompanied by a form, filled out and signed by a parent and, if it is a medication not on the standing order form, a healthcare provider. These forms are available from the school secretary or nurse.
- In the case where a student carries their own life-saving medication, MCPS encourages backup medication to be stored in the school office.

Other Health Needs

If your students have any health

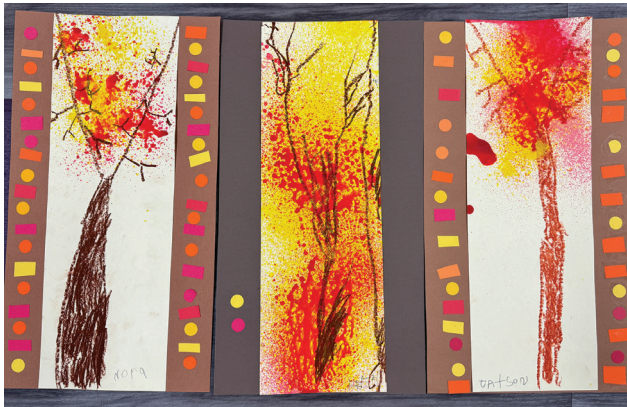
needs, illnesses, injuries, or conditions that may affect their learning, school day, mobility, and/or physical abilities, please contact your school nurse, who can work with you and your students to devise a plan to help maximize their health, comfort, and success.

For more information, contact MCPS Health Services Supervisor Brooke Krininger at (406) 728-2400 ext. 1073 or bkrininger@mcpsmt.org.



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Early Out Thursday	3 End of Third Quarter 6th-8th 9th-12th	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	7 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	8 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	9 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	10 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	11
12	13	14 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	15	16 Early Out Thursday	17 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	18
19	20	21	22	23 Early Out Thursday	24	25
26	27	28 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	29	30 Early Out Thursday		



Community Schools & Resources

MCPS schools are part of their neighborhoods and their community! Local families, neighbors, agencies, civic clubs, nonprofits, businesses, entrepreneurs, and volunteers are all encouraged to learn more about how to be part of our thriving school communities!

Parent-Teacher Associations/Organizations (PTAs/PTOs)

Generally, each MCPS elementary and middle school has a parent-teacher organization that works to promote and support the school, its students and staff. High schools may have booster clubs or other ways for families to get involved. Families of current students may contact their school directly to learn how to participate, or read their school newsletter for more ideas on how to help support their school community.

Family Resource Centers/Families in Transition Coordinators

Parents and families are invited to connect with Family Resource Centers (FRCs) staff or Families in Transition (FIT) coordinators available at each school. FRC/FIT staff help recruit volunteers for school events, and can assist parents and families who need information or connections to community resources. Hours vary by school so be sure to check with the school secretary or contact the school's FRC/FIT coordinator directly.

Organizations and individuals interested in donating items to students and families may also contact the school's secretary or FRC/FIT coordinator to learn more about current needs and how to help.

Volunteering in the Schools

Volunteers are needed for many positions in the District, including library aides, reading assistants, classroom helpers, field trip chaperones, mentors and advisors for student clubs, to help with specialized programs and for students who seek a job shadow or internship experience.

Prior to working in the schools, all volunteers must register with the MCPS Volunteer Service office and, if the volunteer role requires it, go through a background check. Volunteers are encouraged to register and submit background check information using the MCSP online volunteer portal found on the MCPS website (www.mcpsmt.org). The online method requires payment, via credit card, prior to completing the background check form.

For further assistance, volunteers should contact the school(s) where they would like to volunteer, and ask to speak with the school's FRC/FIT coordinator.

For more information about volunteering in MCPS schools, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (406) 728-2400 ext. 1039, or go online to www.mcpsmt.org and click on Volunteer Resources under the Departments tab.

Staying Connected

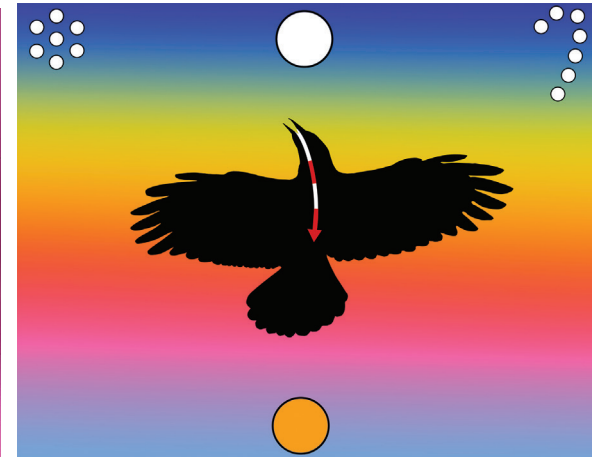
Families of MCPS students are encouraged to register for Infinite Campus – a web-based portal that allows parents to access information about their students' classes, grades, attendance, meal account balance and other items of interest. Parents should contact their child's school directly to register for Infinite Campus and to keep their contact information up to date. Keeping your contact information up-to-date with Infinite Campus will also ensure that you receive timely messages from your student's school or the District through our parent notification system, ParentLink (Finalsite).

Visit the MCPS website for the latest District updates and information. MCPS also posts news and information on our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube accounts.



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Early Out Thursday	8	9
10	11	12 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	13	14 Early Out Thursday	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Early Out Thursday	22	23
24	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	25	26 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	27	28 Early Out Thursday	29 Seeley-Swan High School Friday School Day
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JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Early Out Thursday Willard Graduation Celebration	5 Last Day of School for Preschool	6 Big Sky, Hellgate and Sentinel Graduation Ceremonies
7 Seeley-Swan Graduation Ceremony	8	9 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	10	11 Last Day of School HALF DAY	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



The Lifelong Learning Center

The MCPS Adult Education Division was established in 1957 with a welding class of 20 journey-men carpenters and has since grown to serve thousands of adult students through hundreds of different classes offered each year.

Adults attend classes for a variety of reasons: to develop or build on employment skills, to further educational goals, or to pursue personal interests. But lifelong learning is not just about taking classes; it's where education meets community. Individuals who embrace a learning culture are more adaptive and resilient and better able to succeed in an ever-changing world.

The Lifelong Learning Center offers an enormous catalog of options to

suit nearly every interest or need, and all at reasonable prices. Here is just a sample of what the Lifelong Learning Center has to offer the adult learning community:

Workforce Training

Prepare for a new career or up-skill in fields such as Accounting and Computerized Bookkeeping, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, Chairside Dental Assisting, CPR, First Aid, Welding, Low Pressure Boiler Training, Technology certifications, and many other areas.

Academic Education

Brush up on basic skills to earn a High School Equivalency, enter a

training program, advance your skills to enroll in Post-Secondary Education, or to train for a new career.

Health and Fitness

Improve your overall health and fitness with a variety of classes that will strengthen, stretch, restore, energize, or brighten the spirit. Dance, work out, or just relax! Classes are offered at different times throughout the day and week, making it easy to find one or several that fit your schedule.

Community Classes

Discover your creativity or pick up a new hobby or skill! With many options to choose from, such as cooking, drawing, painting, sewing, quilting, knitting, guitar, ukulele,

jewelry making, stained glass, fly fishing/tying, parenting, photography, Spanish, or French!

Online Training


Career online training in 60 different areas, such as Medical Coding, Game Design, Accounts Payable, Human Resources, Information Technology, or Personal Trainer.

Check out the latest course catalog and register for a class today at www.MissoulaClasses.com

The Lifelong Learning Center, MCPS Adult Education Division, is located at 310 South Curtis, Missoula, MT 59801, and can be reached by phone at 406-549-8765 or by email at LLC@mcpsmt.org



JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Fourth of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 PM	15	16	17	18
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District Information

MCPS SCHOOLS & FACILITIES

Missoula CONNECT Academy - Grades 9-12

MCPS Administration Building
909 South Ave. W., Missoula MT 59801
(406) 728-2400

Missoula TEACH Academy
1910 S. 11th St., Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 542-4020

Lifelong Learning Center
MCPS Adult Education
310 S. Curtis St., Missoula MT 59801
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(406) 542-4020

Hawthorne
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1220 Pineview Dr., Missoula, MT 59802
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Russell
3216 Russell St., Missoula, MT 59801
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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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2510 Central Ave., Missoula, MT 59804
(406) 542-4060

Meadow Hill
4210 S. Reserve St., Missoula MT 59803
(406) 542-4045

Washington
645 W. Central Ave., Missoula, MT 59801
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HIGH SCHOOLS

Big Sky
3100 South Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59804
(406) 728-2401

Hellgate
925 Gerald Ave., Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 728-2402

Seeley-Swan
456 Airport Rd., Seeley Lake, MT 59868
(406) 677-2224

Sentinel
901 South Ave. W. Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 728-2403

Willard Alternative High School Program
901 S. Sixth St. W., Missoula, MT 59801
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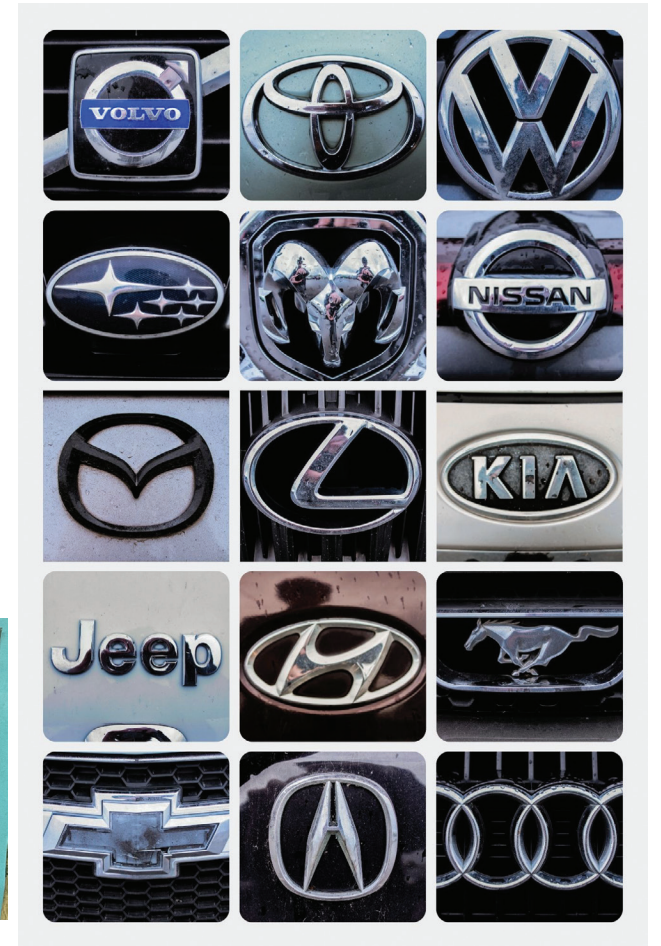
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MISSOULA



EASTGATE

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Missoula, MT 59802
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Store Manager: Dan Connors

RONAN



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Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-6000

Store Manager: Shawn Parker

POLSON



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Polson, MT 59860
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Store Manager: Mug Fox

KALISPELL



130 N Meridian
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Store Manager: Birch Drew