# Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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# **CURRICULUM**

BES & Napi Principals Attend the Montana Curriculum Summit in Helena



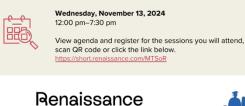
Together with the Helena School District in partnership with the School Administrators of Montana and Renaissance we invite you to join your fellow educators, and thought leaders from across Montana, for a day of learning, networking and educational insights focused on the Science of Reading.

#### Attendees will have the opportunity to:

See Every Student.

- Network with Montana decision-makers in the education field and collaborate with
  professionals passionate about improving literacy outcomes.
- Hear from lead author of "The Fluency Development Lesson: Closing the Reading Gap," Dr. Lynne Kulich expert on the latest research on how children learn to read and the cognitive processes behind literacy.
- See first-hand how structured literacy programs like those in Helena School District can address reading difficulties and support all learners.

This session is perfect for school administrators, curriculum and instruction directors/specialists eager to deepen their understanding of how research can shape effective classroom instruction. Come discover actionable insights to transform your literacy teaching practices.



Administrators of Montana in Helena, November 12th and 13th. Both principals returned to the district reporting their experiences at the Summit and visiting Helena Public Schools. They shared that BPS is on the right track with literacy instruction aligned to the Science of Reading, LETRS training for educators, as well as MTSS.

Sheila Hall and Sicily Bird attended the MT Curriculum Summit hosted by the School

### **INSTRUCTION**

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#### The BPS DLT Finalizing 4-Day Instruction Week Calendars & Stakeholder Survey

At the request of the BPS Certified Teachers Union, the BPS Leadership Team has been holding monthly meetings to develop potential 4-day instructional week calendars, consider daily schedules for grades LL-12, as well as develop a stakeholder survey for the community, parents, staff, and students. The survey, calendars, and schedules will be presented to the board of trustees for consideration in January.

# <u>ASSESSMENT</u> Submitted by: Violet Sinclair-Boggs

## **BPS Assessments**

BPS completed the new statewide assessment window for grades 3-8 in ELA and mathematics. The first MAST window closed on November 22, 2024. BPS priorities during this testing window were to successfully login to the platform, complete the testlets for ELA and mathematics, as well as print & mail parent/guardian score reports. Grades 3rd-8th will participate in windows 2, 3, and 4 during the 24-25 school year.

#### Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year

<u>MAST</u>

MAST is the general mathematics and reading/language arts assessment for academic state achievement reporting in Grades 3-8. The MAST assessment is aligned to the Montana Content Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA).



Testing Windows for MAST:

### MAST Testing Windows

Window 1	Window 2	Window 3	Window 4
October 14 - November 22	January 13 - February 21	March 24 - May 2	May 5 - May 23
6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	3 weeks