

# Department of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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## CURRICULUM

### *BES & Napi Principals Attend the Montana Curriculum Summit in Helena*



#### Montana Science of Reading Showcase

Hosted in conjunction with Helena Public Schools

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:

- 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.

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



Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
12:00 pm–7:30 pm

View agenda and register for the sessions you will attend, scan QR code or click the link below.  
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## INSTRUCTION

### *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.

# ASSESSMENT

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

#### MAST

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**

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