

Alternative Education Board Report September 2018

Attendance: Currently 102 students have enrolled with a 5 day average of 74 students or 72%

Certified staff: 100%

Classified staff: 100%

11 Home visits

We had a great summer with the Blackfeet Academy Wilderness Adventure Program (BAWAP). Grade 5-8th at risk students enjoyed backcountry hiking and camping with High School mentors and adult chaperones. Students traveled to the St Mary Valley, and to Swift Dam.



BAWAP is designed to help students “unplug” from the stress of everyday life and experience confidence building wilderness exploration. This program is focused primarily on at-risk students and we feel confident that these students were able to make those connections that will be carried into the academic school year with mentorship and provide additional support.

Good Medicine was also very busy this summer. The program assisted the community here with the grief process with several deaths. Good medicine provided support to the families and students affected by the loss of a student and are ramping up suicide prevention efforts in each building.

Good Medicine also provided support to the Heart Butte school district and community as they dealt with the traumatic loss of a staff member. The staff from good medicine provided resources and support to both staff and students

Good Medicine hosted and promoted the PAX classroom good behavior training at the Buffalo Hide Academy, we are excited to help with any program or intervention that promotes a safe and respectful classroom environment.

Buffalo Hide Academy is off to a great start with approximately 70 returning students and 30 more referrals from Browning High School. The first week of school is called “The Culture of the Academy” and is focused on:

- building relationships
- social emotional learning
- goal setting
- personal conduct expectations/restorative practices
- cyber safety and responsibility
- bullying prevention
- health and wellness and responsibility to the community.

Staff are expected to take part in the activities with the students and present their “Story Robes” alongside the students. Staff share their personal struggles and accomplishment as well as what brought them to the Buffalo Hide Academy.

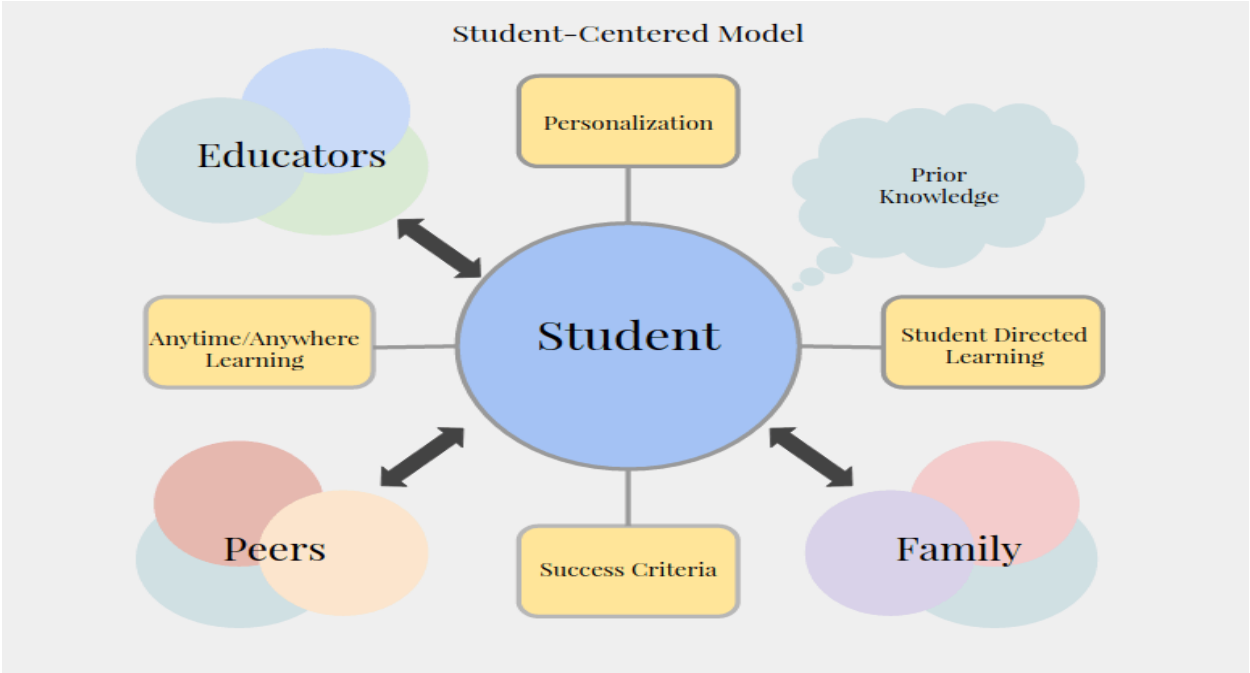
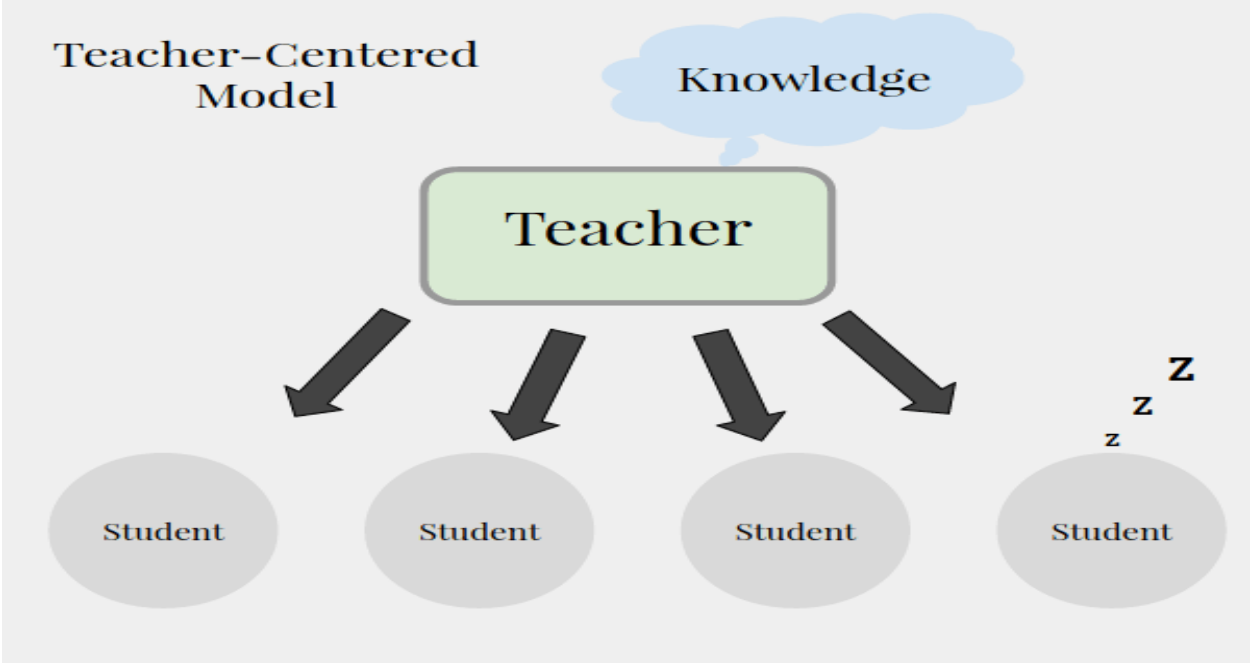




We are also thrilled to welcome Katie McDonald to the Buffalo Hide Family. Katie is an exceptional teacher and a great role model for all of our students, particularly our young ladies.



As always, our goals this year are to deliver a high-quality education in a safe and predictable learning environment that is student centered and not teacher centered.



Welcome back from the Buffalo Hide family:

