

Montana Job Corps and Montana School Districts

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into as of this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024, between the Montana Job Corps Center ("Montana Job Corps" or "Center") and Browning Public School County Public Schools/District.

WHEREAS, the local governments are authorized to enter into interlocal agreements pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 11, Part 1, M.C.A. (the 'Interlocal Cooperation Act), to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographical, economic, population, and other factors influencing the need and development of local communities; and between the two above mentioned parties.

OBJECTIVE:

Montana Job Corps may provide educational and vocational services to eligible youth to supplement the District's educational programs.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

Montana Job Corps centers agree to provide academic, vocational and social skills training to qualified students. Credits earned will be reported to the District. Credits and may count toward graduation requirements. If sufficient credits are earned, the student may choose to receive his/her high school diploma from the District.

Montana Job Corps must be accredited by Cognia, ( formerly AdvancED and Northwest Associations of Schools and Colleges). Instructors must have either a current and appropriate Montana Secondary certification or Vocational certification.

This is a reciprocal agreement between Job Corps Centers and the District.

HOW COSTS WILL BE FUNDED:

Job Corps students are funded through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. There is no cost to the students or the District.

The District is not responsible for transportation costs.

Any Montana student who chooses to receive educational and/or vocational services at a MT Job Corps center must be enrolled in his/her school district of residence for purposes of calculating average number belongings (ANB).

**METHOD OF REFERRING:**

Montana school districts may refer candidates to the Job Corps admission and placement Counselors. The Corps admissions counselor will determine eligibility and the optimum center placement within the Department Labor Region IV. The Individual student's vocational and academic needs are taken into consideration in this.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The cooperating District will review and approve the attained credits offered at the Montana Job Corps prior to student's enrollment in this program.

Montana Job Corps provides academic, vocational, and social skills training preparing students for future employment success through our Career Development Services System.

If a student does not wish to receive a diploma from his/her home high school, he/she will receive the diploma from the individual Montana Job Corps center upon graduation.

**DURATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

The interlocal cooperation agreement is effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024 and shall terminate on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2027. Either party to this MOU may request modifications to the agreement. Either partner may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice prior to the ensuing school year of operation.

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:**

Students must meet the Department of Labor guidelines and standards for enrollment in the Montana Job Corps. Once enrolled, student must maintain Department of Labor and Center standard for continued enrollment in the program.

It is understood and supported by all parties that the Montana Job Corps program has a zero-tolerance policy concerning violence and drug use. It is understood that any drug related incident, positive drug test or violent incident on or off the Center may be grounds for termination from the program, subject to Department of Labor and Center policy.

The District and the Center will discuss the terms of this agreement with each student before the student enrolls in the program.

Students who have insurance coverage will continue to utilize said coverage. All other medical and dental coverage will be provided by the Center in accordance with the Department of Labor guidelines and with coordination of the Center's wellness staff.

Neither the Montana Job Corps nor MCPs shall discriminate, in violation of law, against any citizen for the provision of services based upon race, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital or familial status, creed, ex-offender status, physical condition, political belief, public assistance status or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.


The parties will not be liable for any damages, proximately resulting from the negligence or wrongful acts or omissions of the other parties' employees or agents in the performance of this agreement. Each party shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the other party from any such damage or liability.

In no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any obligation on MCPS or its employees, other than those required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the latest date noted below.

Job Corps Center Director

Montana School District



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8/28/24

Matthew Couch Center Director Date

School District Representative Date