

Kalispell Public Schools

Educational Partnerships

Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC)

FVCC provides high-quality academic programs for the residents of the Flathead Valley. Its students go on to four-year colleges and universities throughout Montana and the nation or take advantage of over 50 career and technical programs that prepare them to enter into today's workforce. FVCC offers the Running Start program for Flathead and Glacier high school students who want to get a jump start on their college education while still attending high school. Additionally, FVCC offers concurrent enrollment courses on site at FHS and GHS in which students can concurrently receive high school and college credit. Further information on FVCC can be found at: <http://www.fvcc.edu/>

New Teacher Center and Applied Materials

The New Teacher Center (NTC) is a national non-profit dedicated to improving student learning by accelerating the effectiveness of new teachers and school leaders. NTC works with schools districts, state policymakers, and educators across the country to develop and implement induction programs aligned with district learning goals. NTC induction programs include one-on-one mentoring and professional development, all taking place within school environments that support new teachers. The Kalispell Public Schools is entering its 4th year of working with the New Teacher Center. This partnership has resulted in more than 70 master teachers being trained to mentor teachers who are new to the Kalispell Schools. This partnership has been made possible through the generous financial support of Applied Materials, A global leader in the nanomanufacturing technology solutions for the electronics industry that has a manufacturing center located in Kalispell. Further information on The New Teacher Center can be found at: <http://www.newteachercenter.org/about-ntc>. Further information on Applied Materials can be found at: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC)

The Kalispell Public Schools is working with PEBC to provide Mathematics Instructional Training based upon the Minds on Mathematics workshop model developed by Wendy Hoffer. Her book entitled, "Minds on Mathematics" is the basis for this training.

Montana Striving Readers Project

Russell and Elrod Schools Reading and Writing instructional training through a grant from Montana's Office of Public Instruction and the US Department of Education. During the three years of this grant's implementation Elrod and Russell Schools have experienced 30% gains in their students' Reading proficiency levels. Additional information on the grant can be found at: http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/Instructional_Innovations/MSRP/MSRPNarrative.pdf

Graduation Matters Montana

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denise Juneau supports the implementation of locally-designed Graduation Matters initiatives that engage schools, communities, businesses and families in a focused effort to increase the number of students who graduate prepared for college and careers. The Kalispell Public Schools are one of Thirty-three communities that have joined the Graduation Matters initiative. Seventy percent of high school students attend a Graduation Matters school, and nearly 8,500 students have taken the pledge to graduate. Further information on Graduation Matters Montana can be found at:

<http://graduationmatters.mt.gov/>

Focused Leadership Solutions

Focused Leadership Solutions is helping schools throughout the country raise student achievement by improving instruction and building effective teams. In partnership with area school districts, the Kalispell Public School's administrative team participated in a two year training program during the 2008-2010 school years. Their website can be found at:

<http://focusedleadershipsolutions.com/>

Northwest Montana Education Cooperative

The Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative is a partnership of schools serving districts in Flathead, Lincoln and Sanders counties. The Cooperative is located in Northwest Montana's Flathead Valley. School districts range in size from 5 students in the Pleasant Valley District to 5,800 students in the Kalispell School District. There are 33 schools serviced by the Co-op. These 37+ schools are organized into 22 separate school districts. The Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative provides support for over 8500 students and over 500 teachers and para-professionals. The Cooperative's website can be found at:

<http://www.nwmteducationalcoop.org/>