

Overview of Montana's Secondary Family & Consumer Sciences Programs



Our Mission:

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Education helps prepare students for family life, work life, and careers in Family and Consumer Sciences by providing opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors needed through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

Our Vision:

Family and Consumer Sciences Education empowers individuals and families across the life span to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse global society. Our unique focus is on families, work and their interrelationships.

Overview:

In 2015-2016, Montana had 105 approved FCS high school programs taught by 130 FCS teachers serving 8,013 students. FCS programs enable students to acquire broad, transferable skills for employment and personal life as well as job-specific skills in careers related to early childhood development, education, social and human services, culinary arts, foods and nutrition, food production and management, hospitality and tourism, apparel and interior design, and entrepreneurship. FCS programs can also be found in middle schools across the state. The National Standards for FCS can be found at www.nasafacs.org.

Big Sky Pathways:

Family & Consumer Sciences content identifies with multiple Career Cluster areas. In Montana, Big Sky Pathways between secondary FCS programs and post-secondary institutions have been created in the following Career Cluster areas:



Gallatin College, Helena College
Interior Design, Interior Design/Space Planning



Dawson Community College (DCC), UM Western (UMW)
Early Childhood Education



Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC), Missoula College
Culinary Arts, Food Service Management



DCC, FVCC, Salish Kootenai College, UMW
Early Childhood Education, Human Services



Montana Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is the student leadership organization for FCS Education. It provides students with opportunities to attain knowledge, skills, and leadership characteristics necessary to succeed in life and careers through Family and Consumer Sciences with family as the central focus. In 2015-2016, Montana FCCLA had 67 chapters and 1,095 members. For more information, please visit www.mtfccla.org.