

Montana's New Math Standards

What Students Need to Know



Math Can Help You *Succeed*

Math is more than numbers. It helps you solve problems, make good choices, and understand the world.



What's Different for You in Math?

- **Pick Classes That Fit You:** In high school, you can choose math classes that match what you want to do after school—like going to college, getting a job, or learning a trade.
- **Learn Skills You Can Use:** Math now helps you learn important skills like reading data, telling time, and using money.
- **See Your Community in Math:** Some math lessons now connect to local stories, places, and Montana's Indigenous Peoples.

How You Can Succeed in Math:

- **Pick the Right Classes:** Talk to your school counselor about math classes that help you reach your goals.
- **Ask Questions:** If you don't understand something, ask your teacher for help.
- **Be Patient with Yourself:** There is no such thing as a "math person." Everyone can learn math with practice and time.
- **Practice Thinking:** When you solve a problem, think about why your answer makes sense.
- **Look for Math in Your Life:** You use math all the time, like when you count, measure, save money, or play!
- **Dream Big:** Math can help you do amazing things, no matter what you want to be when you grow up.



High School Pathways