Message from the Superintendent

“It is my honor to serve our communities, families, and most of all, our next generation of students as Montana’s Superintendent of Public Instruction. I have positive determination and a fresh approach to problem solving that has served me well, both as a public school teacher for 23 years and a state legislator for 12 years. My commitment to improving opportunities for students comes from a fourth generation Montana work ethic instilled in me by my parents, who were both longtime public school teachers in Billings. Thank you for partnering and investing in our state’s future. Together we will make Montana proud!

Putting Montana Students First will be the benchmark from which all decisions will be made in the Office of Public Instruction.”

Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent
Montana Office of Public Instruction

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Revenues and Expenditures

### Local and County Revenue
- 43.5%

### State Revenue
- 44.6%

### Federal Revenue
- 11.9%

### Instruction and Support
- 3.3%

### Administration
- 15.4%

### Facilities
- 11.1%

### Transportation
- 6.3%

### Other
- 5.3%

### About the Big Sky State
- Population: 1,050,493 (2016 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 7.0 per square mile
- State racial makeup: White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1%, and other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 78.7%, American Indian 10.9%, Hispanic 4.8%, Asian 0.7%, Black 0.8%, Pacific Islander 0.2%, and more than one race 3.9%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

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- www.mt.gov
- Travel Montana: 1-800-847-4868
- http://ceic.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center: (406) 841-2740

For more school data:
- http://opi.mt.gov/Reports-Data/Measurement/Index.html

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Facts About Montana Education 2019

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### High School Graduates 2018

- High School Graduates 2018: 9,155
- 2017 HSAT recipients (ages 16 to 19): 1,036

### Public and State-Funded Only Montana

#### Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates

Overall high school graduation rates have improved over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 18 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 21 percentage points.

#### Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2012-13 to 2017-18

First increase in the statewide (9-12) dropout rate since 2013-14.

### Licensed K-12 Staff and Paraprofessionals 2017-18

- Teachers-Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.: 10,500
- Principals and Assistant Principals: 519
- Other Administrative Staff: 102
- Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors): 970
- Licensed Professional (Rehabilitation): 373
- Paraprofessionals: 2,655
- Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff: 15,273

### Student/Teacher Ratio

- 2011-12: 14
- 2012-13: 16
- 2013-14: 16

### School Data

- Elementary Schools: 435
- Middle, 7&8: 217
- High Schools: 171
- Total Schools: 823

### Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)

- Private: 8,603
- Home school: 5,273
- Total: 13,876

### College Readiness Tests

#### Test Scores

- ACT**: 20.5: 20.1: 20.1: 20.2: 20.1
- SAT**: 554: 489: 565: 487
- MATH: 537: 498: 564: 497
- WRITING: 534: 475: 537: 472

** American College Testing Program—High Score 36. In 2017, 100% of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

### 2018 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Results Math and English/Language Arts.

In Spring 2018, Montana students took the SBAC test in the 3rd through 8th grade, measuring progress toward state standards in math and English/language arts.

#### School Size and Enrollment

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#### Poverty Indicators

- **Native American**: 19.3%
- **Non-Native American**: 20.8%
- **Total**: 21.4%

**US Census Bureau 2015**

**Common Core of Data, 2014-15 School Year**

#### Public School Districts 2018-18

- K-12 districts: 62
- Combined elementary (joint board): 96
- Combined high school (joint board): 96
- Single districts (134, 4 hrs): 147
- State-funded districts: 2
- Nonoperating districts: 4
- Total School Districts: 405

### 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

This chart shows the percent of the “All Students” category in Montana and the National Public who scored at or above proficient. A proficient achievement level in NAEP represents solid academic performance for each grade assessed. Students reaching this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter, including subject-matter knowledge, application of such knowledge to real-world situations, and analytical skills appropriate to the subject matter.

### Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE): http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata