Montana Teacher Residency Program

What is the Montana Teacher Residency Program?

The Montana Teacher Residency Program is an alternative to Traditional Student Teaching where Residents (student teachers) are placed under a Teacher Leader (mentor teacher) in a Montana school district and complete their student teaching over the course of the **entire school year**.

The Residency Program offers many benefits to the Resident which include:

- Extended student teaching experience with guidance for a full school year
- Monthly stipends of \$1,400 for 10 months during Residency year
- Last-Dollar-In tuition waiver for the Residency year
- Housing assistance from the district
 - ◆ please keep in mind that the housing assistance will vary from district to district

Since the Residency is occurs over the course of an entire school year, Residents will take their remaining college/university classes online and in an 80/20 model. The 80/20 model refers to the Resident spending **80% of their student teaching time in the school classroom** with the students and a **guaranteed 20% of the time to work on class assignments** during the Residency.

The Residency Program also requires the **Residents to teach in a Montana school for 3 years** following the completion of the program. There is a window of 5 years to complete the required years of teaching.

