



Innovative Educational Programs Montana State Tax Credit for Donations to Public Schools

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR 2023 TAX BILL

KalisPELL Public Schools wants you to be aware of a great opportunity to support your local public schools and the great things we are doing to enhance the experiences and opportunities for each student. In 2021 the state Legislature authorized enhanced tax credit opportunities for Montanans to support their local public schools through HB 279.

Earn a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your **2023** state tax bill by making a donation to public schools! Your donation will help us expand our innovative educational programs that benefit our students through enhanced:

- transformational and advanced learning opportunities for our students;
- programs, services, and equipment for students with disabilities;
- work-based learning partnership for our students;
- post-secondary credit or career certifications for our students; and
- technologies that improve student experiences and opportunities.

MAKE A DONATION EARLY

Time is critical so act quickly! This dollar-for-dollar tax credit is on a **FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS** for the entire state of Montana. Since this program is capped at \$2,000,000, these tax credits will be gone in less than an hour once the donation portal opens. Individuals or corporations can donate up to \$200,000 per year for our schools' innovative educational programs.

HOW IT WORKS

- KPS is registered on the Montana Department of Revenue's (DOR) Education Donations Portal.
- You or your business can make cash donation to KalisPELL Public Schools, by first sending an email to taxcredit@sd5.k12.mt.us stating you wish do donate to "innovative educational programs." We will be processing these emails on a first come first served basis. There is a chance that the \$2 million cap will be met before we can get your donation recorded.
- **In your email, provide the District with the following information:**
 - Amount of the donation toward "innovative educational programs"
 - Your Name (or Business Name)
 - Last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)
 - Your complete mailing address
 - Your complete physical address
 - Your Email address
- **KPS must receive the cash donation (or check) before we can record the donation.** A pledge or promise of a donation is not sufficient. Donations can be mailed or brought directly to the **District Office at 233 1st Ave E. KalisPELL, MT 59901** in time for the **January 18, 8:30 a.m. deadline.** Our entrance is located on the North side of the County Library Building. If our District office is closed, donations can be dropped in the mail slot to the right of the entrance.
- KPS will enter your information in the Education Donations Portal. All information is confidential tax information and will not be shared publicly.
- Once the District records the donation, the DOR will preapprove the donation (if the individual and statewide thresholds have not been exceeded) and you will receive a confirmation number and receipt that you will include when you file your 2023 taxes.

The statewide aggregate threshold of \$2,000,000 is tracked on the [DOR Education Donations Portal](#). You can view how much of the credit has been reserved, how much is available, and how much is pending.

For more information, visit the Montana Department of Revenue at:

- [Tax Credits for Qualified Education Contributions - Guide](#)
- [Education Tax Credit - FAQ](#)

We cannot guarantee that each donation will be able to be entered into the state system prior to reaching the \$2 million aggregate amount (but we will do our best!). If your donation is not accepted by DOR because the aggregate limit was reached, you will not be obligated to make the donation.

If you do choose to donate in this way, we express our sincerest gratitude for your support of Kalispell Public Schools.