

TO: Trustees, East Helena Schools
FROM: Dan Rispens, Superintendent
BOARD MEETING: February 10, 2025
RE: Student Enrollment (January 31, 2025)

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Month Ago</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Eastgate	Age-K	51	50	18
	K	113	115	118
EG Total		[164]	[165]	[136]
Prickly Pear	1	128	129	143
	2	149	147	145
Prickly Pear Total		[277]	[276]	[288]
Radley Elementary	3	145	145	139
	4	146	146	135
	5	136	136	153
Radley Total		[429]	[427]	[427]
East Valley	6	153	152	156
Middle School	7	149	151	175
	8	167	167	152
EVMS Total		[469]	[470]	[483]
East Helena High	9	149	147	171
	10	145	148	162
	11	138	135	149
	12	121	122	95
EHHS Total		[553]	[552]	[577]
EVMS 227	6	10	10	
	7	9	9	
	8	9	8	
EVMS 227 Total		[28]	[27]	
EHHS 227	9	5	8	
	10	20	18	
	11	17	18	
	12	16	16	
EHHS 227 Total		[58]	[60]	
TOTALS		1978	1977	1911

Fwd: Jennifer Warner Selected as Presidential Awardee by White House

1 message

Dan Rispens <dripsens@ehps.k12.mt.us>
To: Dan Rispens <dripsens@ehps.k12.mt.us>

Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 6:13 PM

From: The PAEMST Team <info@paemst.org>
Date: Mon, Jan 13, 2025 at 7:54 PM
Subject: Jennifer Warner Selected as Presidential Awardee by White House
To: Brandon Crusat <bcrusat@ehps.k12.mt.us>



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
2415 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

January 15, 2025

Dear Brandon Crusat:

We are pleased to notify you that Jennifer Warner, a current or former employee of Eastgate Elementary School has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), for which they applied while teaching at Eastgate Elementary School.

Mrs. Warner can be reached at jenniferbelsito@gmail.com or 623-262-0186.

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Each awardee will receive a certificate signed by President Biden and a \$10,000 award from NSF. Awardees will also travel to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony at a future date.

We would like to extend our congratulations to you and to others at Eastgate Elementary School who fostered this outstanding teacher. We also solicit your help in encouraging and nominating other STEM teachers to compete for this prestigious award. For information about this year's Presidential Awardees or information about the annual nomination and application process, please visit paemst.nsf.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Alfred Hall, PAEMST Program Director, at paemst@nsf.gov. He or a member of the PAEMST Team will promptly reply.

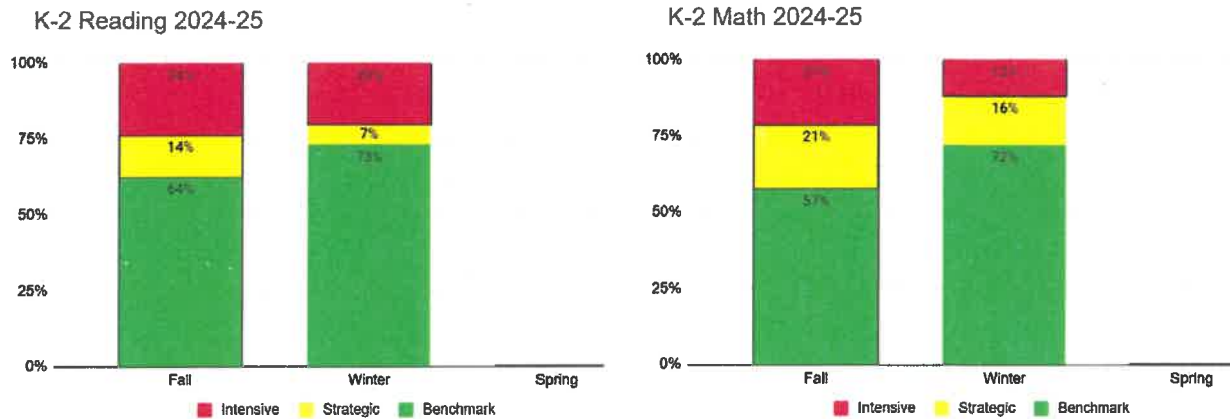
Sincerely,

Felecia Nave

Division Director
Directorate for STEM Education (EDU)
Division of Equity for Excellence in STEM (EES)
National Science Foundation

Chairman Walter and Trustees,
Here are some monthly items to share with you.

Data Highlights



LittleLantes

- Grew by 25% in the number of students who were benchmark in our literacy indicator

Kindergarten

- Reading - Benchmark scores grew by 32%
- Math - Students who were intensive dropped by 10%

1st Grade

- Reading - Students who were strategic dropped by 5%
- Math - Students who were benchmark grew by 33%

2nd Grade

- Reading - Students who were strategic dropped by 4%
- Math - Students who were intensive dropped by 12%

K and LL Numbers

As mentioned at our last board meeting, we are continuing to track kindergarten and our Early Literacy Classroom’s registration and application numbers. Here is where we are currently at as of January 31st, 2025 and some historical information.

Kindergarten - 2/12/22 - 49 registrations, 2/12/23 - 68 registrations, 2/12/24 - 81 registrations, 1/31/25 - 117 registrations

Early Literacy Classroom - 2/12/23 - 25 applications, 2/12/24 - 60 applications, 1/31/25 - 47 applications.

Early Release

At our Early Release on January 27th, we focused on early numeracy and ways to scaffold instruction to meet students where they are at. The training was informative and highly engaging. Some interesting research facts shared were:

- Number sense is linked to future math achievement in a similar way phonological awareness is linked to reading achievement.
- Counting and early numeracy skills are more predictive of later achievement than early geometry and measurement skills.

All of this places an additional emphasis on the importance of what is done in the primary grades to help shape mathematical concepts that will help students for years to come in mathematical achievement.

Upcoming Events

- February 17th - No School
- February 24th - Early Release - IEFA and Historical Middle Of The Year Data and Rigor
- February 27th - 227 Day!

Thank you!

Brandon Crusat, Eastgate and Prickly Pear Elementary Principal

Month	Gen. Ineq. Distance	Playground	Fighting/Physical Contact	Bus	Witnesses	Intimidation	Threat	Bullying	Harassment	Profanity	Total
September	2	6	2								2
October	1	1	1								3
November	1	1	1								3
December	3	3	3								9
January	12	6	6								18
February	4		2								6
March											
April											
May/June											
Total	25	20	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	48

Month	Harassment	Threat	Out	Confidence	Parent Call	Bus Stop	All	Witnesses	OSS	ISS	OSCT	Total
September	1	3		2								4
October	7	7		7								24
November	3	3		3								9
December	6	6		6								18
January	18	18		18								54
February	6	6		6								18
March												
April												
May/June												
Total	41	38	44	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133

Eastgate Elementary

Month	Gen. Innap./Defiance	Playground	Fighting/Physical Contact	Bus	Weapons	Vandalism	Threat	Bullying	Harassment	Profanity	Total
September											0
October	6		3	4						1	14
November	10		2	6							18
December	1		2	12	1						16
January	11		6	6							23
February	11			14	1					1	27
March											0
April											0
May/June											0
Total	39		13	42	2	0	0	0	0	0	98

Month	Warning	Time Out	Conference	Parent Call	Bus Sus.	Alt. Recess	OSS	ISS	CSCT Referral	Total
September										0
October	3			14	14		8	1	2	42
November				18	18		14	2	2	54
December				16	16	1	10	2	3	48
January		2		23	23		18		3	69
February		5		27	27		20		2	81
March										0
April										0
May/June										0
Total	3	7		98	98	1	70	5	12	294

Prickly Pear Elementary

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 Prickly Pear Elementary (406) 227-7720, grades 1-2
 Radley Elementary (406) 227-7710, grades 3-5
 East Valley Middle School (406) 227-7740, grades 6-8
 East Helena High School (406) 227-7730, grades 9-12



SUCCESS FOR ALL

February 10, 2025

Radley Elementary Board Report

Gus Somerfeld

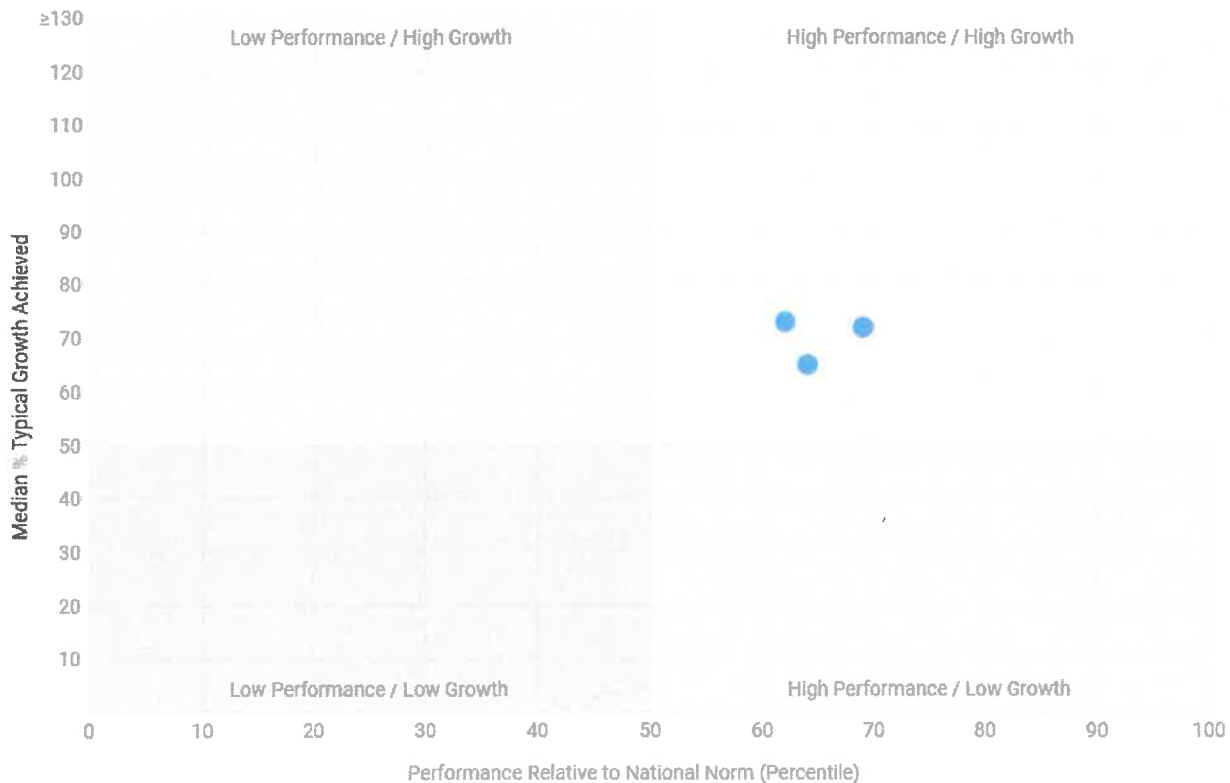
❖ Overall Reading Data

Benchmark Cycle	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	
Fall Cycle	43%	30%	27%	Net Growth
Winter Cycle	56%	30%	13%	+16%

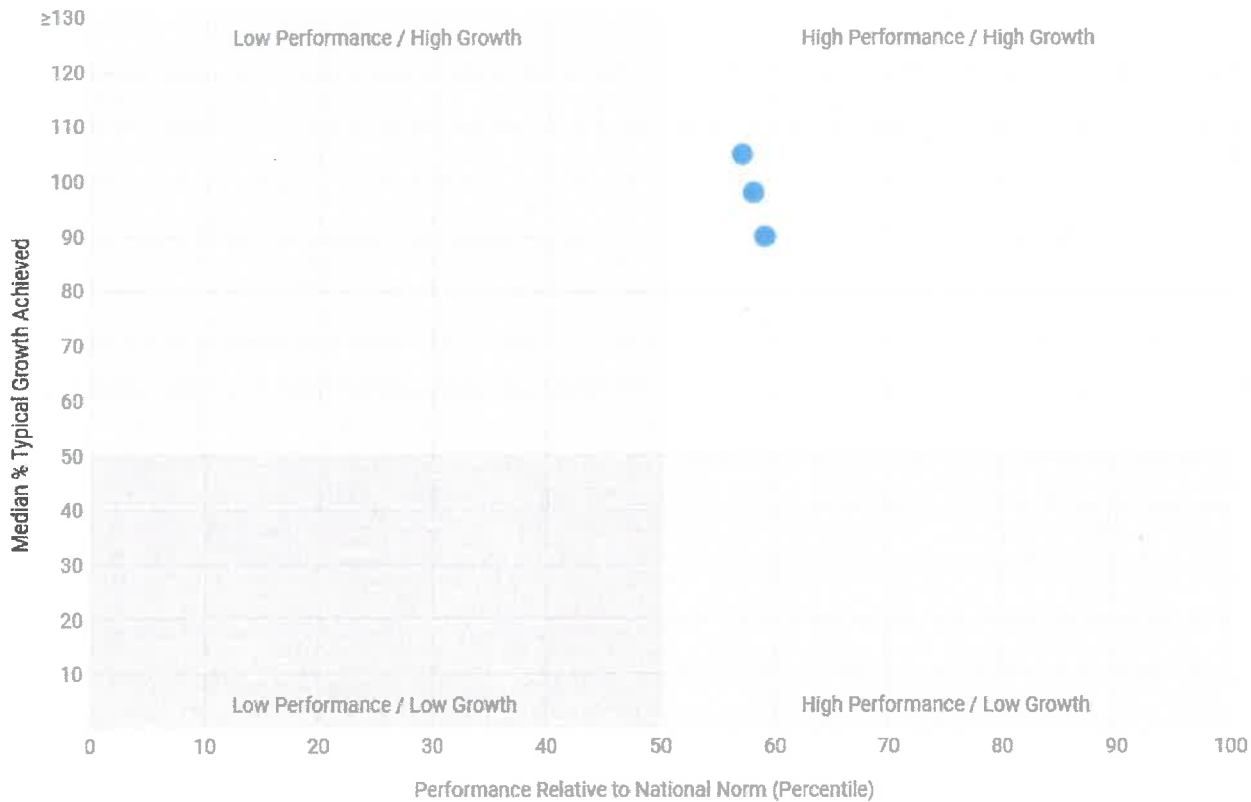
❖ Overall Math Data

Benchmark Cycle	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	
Fall Cycle	27%	48%	26%	Net Growth
Winter Cycle	51%	40%	10%	+24%

MATH MEDIAN PERFORMANCE:



READING MEDIAN PERFORMANCE:



- ❖ **Annual Typical Growth - (National norms for students yearly growth):**
 - **Reading** — 51% of student have made their **YEARLY** annual typical growth
 - **Math** — 34% of student have made their **YEARLY** annual typical growth
 - 36 students receiving more intensive/below grade level interventions showed enough growth to exit and are showing to be performing on-grade level.

 - ❖ **Mid-year staff evaluations are in full swing. It's been refreshing to see how reflective our staff are as it relates to their professional growth. During our last early release training, I asked staff to reflect on four key questions as they analyze their students individual data:**
 - After reviewing your data, which students will you target for vertical movement in the last half of the year?
 - After reviewing your data, will you make changes to your classroom instruction? If so, what changes? If not, why?
 - What is something you have implemented or tried from Carrie Cole, Eliza Sorte-Thomas, or Katherine's Coaching Tidbits? Did it work?
- Staff have been reflective in their practices and a common trend I'm noticing is how present the growth mindset is. Staff are pursuing continuous improvement and it's showing up in our students assessment results.
- ❖ **February Events:**
 - **MAST Testing #2** — Feb. 2 through Feb. 21
 - **School Family Assembly** — Feb. 10
 - **1/2 of 5th Grade to Great Divide** — Feb. 28

January Resolution Data

Total Resolutions	Total Students	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
36	36	25	4	17
Before Class	After Class	During Passing	Cafeteria/Recess	During Class
4	3	3	15	11
Classroom	Cafeteria	Hallway/Stairs/Gym	Restroom	Playground
10	2	1	2	21

Year to Date Resolutions

Total Resolutions	Total Students	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
210	101	110	47	55
Before Class	After Class	During Passing	Cafeteria/Recess	During Class
12	11	15	82	77
Classroom	Cafeteria	Hallway/Stairs/Gym	Restroom	Playground
71	7	13	12	89

2024-2025---Radley Discipline Report

TYPE of REFERRAL

	Gen. Inapp. Beh	Open Defiance	Fighting/Intent to Harm	Bullying	Bus Discipline	Chronic Minor Behavior	Weapons/Substances	Vandalism	Threat/Intimi	Theft	Harassment	Profanity	monthly totals
September	8	8	8				1			1	3	3	32
October	15	12	11		1	1	5	2	1	1	2	4	55
November	11	14	12	3		4	1	2	1		1	1	50
December	13	9	5		4	4		6					37
January	11	5	6	7	1	1			1		5		36
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	58	48	42	10	1	10	6	11	3	2	11	8	210

CONSEQUENCES

	Warning	Time out	Work Detail	Conference	Parent Meeting	Bus Susp	Recess Det.	Lunch Detent.	Detention	**ISS	***OSS	Alternative	monthly totals
September	3	2				14	3	3		6	2	2	32
October	2	7			1	20	5	5		11	7	2	55
November		9		1	1	14	4	4		16	2	3	50
December	1	5	7			17	2	2		4	1	1	37
January	2	4				15				13	1	1	36
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	8	27	7	1	1	80	14	14	0	50	13	8	210

* Every office discipline referral results in a parent phone call, at a minimum.

** In-School Suspension

*** Out of School Suspension

EVMS Feb. Board Report



EVMS started MAST testing and we will be finishing the second week in Feb.

Sports:

EVMS Girls Basketball is in the middle of their season and are growing each game they play.

Jan. 30

EVMS had their spelling bee. We will be sending our top five spellers to the Lewis and Clark Spelling Bee. Here are the results of the EVMS spelling bee and who will be representing us at the County Spelling Bee.

1st: Reece Sebestyen (3 time EVMS Champion and Defending County Champion)

2nd: Canaan Rodriguez

3rd: Karsyn Grandy

4th: Piper Hayes

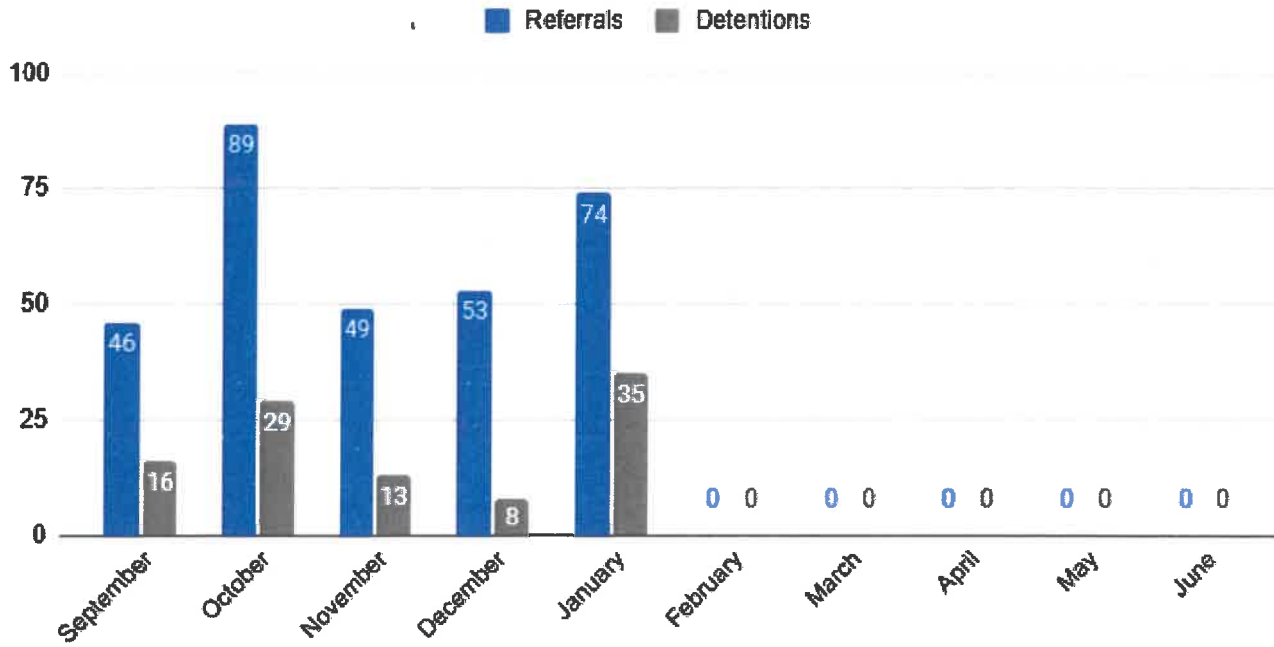
5th: Ramsey Lay

Behavior Report: By the numbers, this month looks very busy with behaviors. However, when diving into it, this month was full of minor behaviors and light on major behaviors. For example, we have been cracking down on poor language on the playground, in the hallways, ect. The majority of these behaviors are dealt with in the classroom and never even make it to the office. That said, our focus is to support teachers in raising the bar in their classrooms to provide a positive learning environment for all.

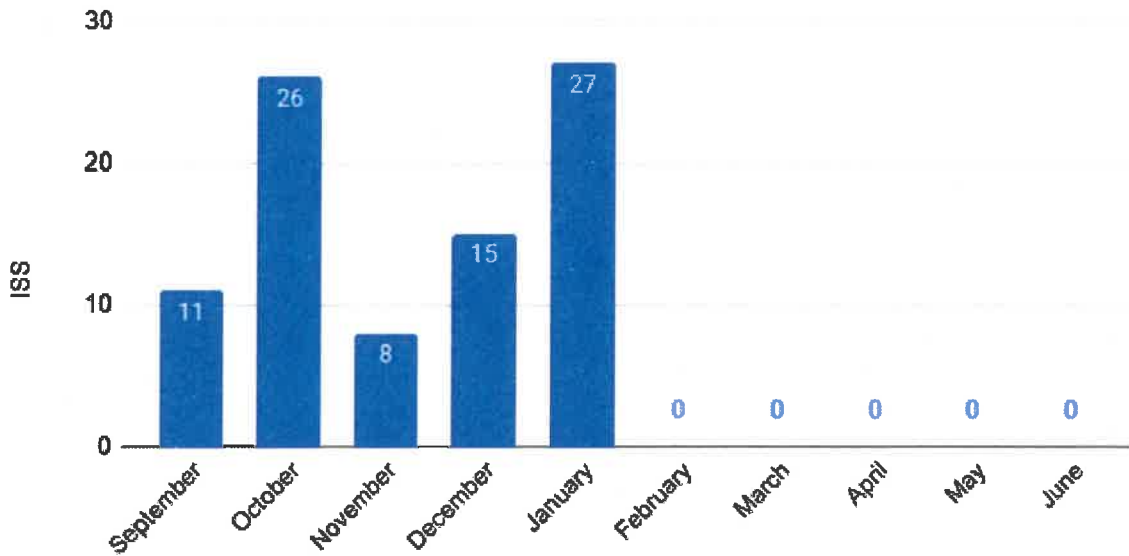
Discipline Breakdown:

	Warning	Intervention	Work Detail	Other	Parent Meeting	Bus Susp	Lunch Det.	Recess
August				2				
September	3			16	1		11	
October	5	5		15	2		26	
November	3	7		8			8	
December	6	3		10	1		15	
January	6	2		5			27	
	Detention	**ISS	Parent Call	***OSS				
August								
September	16		5	5				
October	29	1	8	15				
November	13	1	1	11				
December	8	1	4	15				
January	35		4	11				

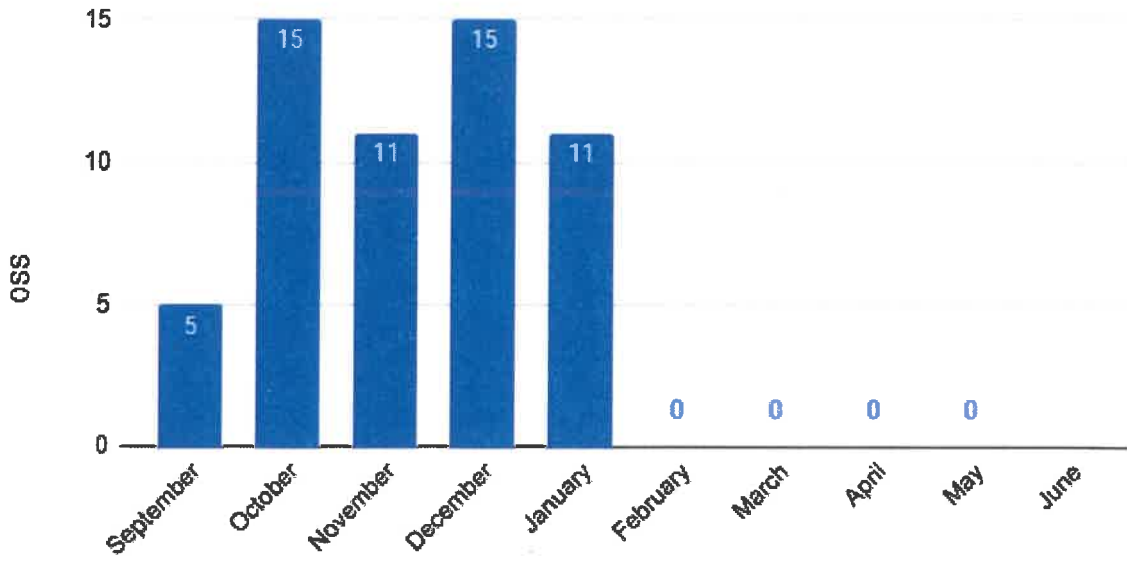
2024-25 Referrals



2024-25 Lunch Detention



2024-25 OSS



Monthly Comparisons:

2024-25 Referra Referrals	Detentions	
September	46	16
October	89	29
November	49	13
December	53	8
January	74	35

Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	Nov.	Dec	Jan	Feb
1st Grade			7	27	16	14	32
2nd Grade			26	46	17	31	50
3rd Grade		2	17	30	25	26	10

Location	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April
Classroom		37	44	60		
Hallway		5	3	4		
L playground		1	3	6		
Cafeteria		3		1		
Restroom		0	1	2		
Other Outside		2		2		
Bus		1	1			



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EHHS Principal Report

February 2025

227 Academy

The 227 Academy is a separate wing in the High School. Students are made up of students who work from home, work in the 227 Academy, or are in the HS doing other classes.

The reasons for students being in the 227 Academy are they struggle academically in the traditional classroom due to either anxiety or working at a lower level or inability to work in the traditional setting. Often students are credit deficient, but not always. There are some students who are looking to work quicker than the normal classroom setting to graduate early or finish requirements early. A few wish to work and then do school work at night.

The school work in the 227 Academy is delivered via Competency Based Learning and/or Transformational Learning Models.

Parents and students have to meet with the admin team (Admin, Counselor) and then sign a contract relating to attendance, behavior and expectations.

We currently have 60 students in the 227 HS Academy. We have moved about 5-10 students into and out of the 227 Academy for the 2nd Semester. The students moving in are there as the parent, student and admin feel the environment may be beneficial. Students are moving back to the HS due to attendance issues, behavior, and/or effort. The 227 Academy has been set up to be a positive work space and not a dumping ground for students. This is explained during the contract phase.

Out of the 60 students we have 41 students who split time between the Academy and the HS. Then we have 19 Virtual students who may do a mix of in person (electives), online 227 cores (English, SS, Math, Science), MTDA (online classes provider), and/or Edgenuity (online classes provider).

Currently the 227 in person Academy students have gained a total of 16 Semester Math Credits (13 students), 34 Semester English Credits (22 students), 20 Semester Science Credits (22 students), 38 Semester Social Studies Credits (28 students).

Online in the MTDA we had for Semester 1, 67 individual class enrollments (31 students), with 61 Semester Credits gained, with 6 classes dropped or failed. Online in Edgenuity, we have 16 students that have completed 7 Semester Credits, with 35 ongoing classes.

We have some students in the 227 who really lack confidence in their abilities, and are being helped along with the quiet environment and more individualized approach the Academy can offer.

We have a few severely credit deficient students who are flying high, including one student who has completed 16 Semester Credits this Semester.

We are finding that our initial conversations are now strongly emphasizing the expectations, and informing parents and students we will move them out of 227 if we feel the student has not lived up to their side of the bargain.

In summary, the Teachers, Counselors and Admin are generally pleased with the progress.

I will be open to questions at the Board Meeting as there may be parts here where you would like clarification, and to explain the challenges we have faced.

Extra Students in 2025-26

In 2025-26 we will lose our Senior Class of 120, and pick up a Freshman Class of 180. As we start the process of putting together a 2025-26 student schedule, we feel we will need more teaching staff and/or less students.

Shout Out

To the Student Advisory Group and Student Council, who help in making ideas and working to improve the culture of our school, via organizing Assemblies, the Prom, and coming up with ideas recently about how to recognize the accomplishments of their fellow students.

February School Board Report 2025
East Helena High School

PBIS Program:

There were 27 office referrals this month in various locations throughout the school. Of those office referrals, 25 separate students were listed in each incident. The chart below shows the percentage of students who received zero referrals as compared to our students who received either a detention or suspension. A large percentage of our students continue to come to school and follow our school wide expectations.

PBIS Tiers	Students	Percentage
Tier 1	643	95%
Tier 2	24	4%
Tier 3	1	0.1%

Expectation Review with Students:

Staff started the new semester with a review of the student handbook in each class period. We looked at the discipline referrals and also common issues we were seeing with our students and adjusted the sections we reviewed in each period. The staff were able to also have conversations with the students emphasizing the areas that were of greatest concern to all members of our school community.

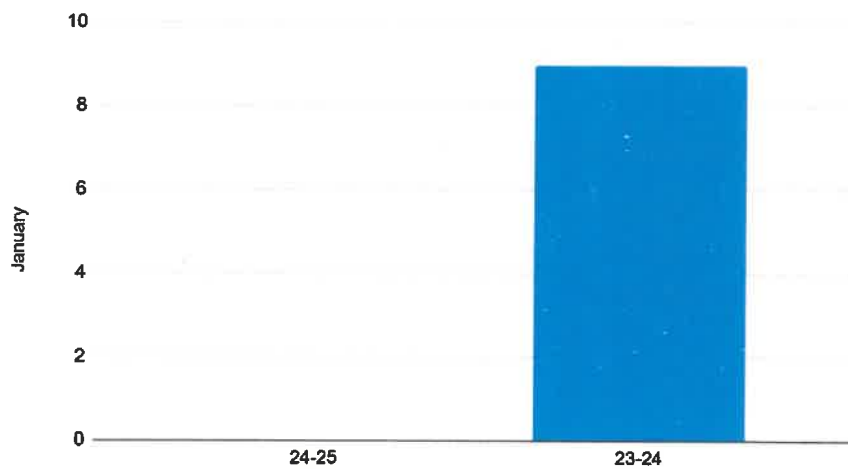
Period	Section	Coverage of Material	Notes
1	Be Responsible	Page 11- Awards and Honors (Page 13)	- 10 day absence section on page 11 - Make-Up Procedures
2	Be Responsible	Online Learning (Page 13) to Textbooks (Page 16)	- Drop/Add Procedure - Homework
3	Be a Graduate	Entire Section (Page 17-20)	- Graduation Requirements
4	Be Respectful	Page 21- Religious Practices (Page 25)	- Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing - Cell Phones

Discipline Report:

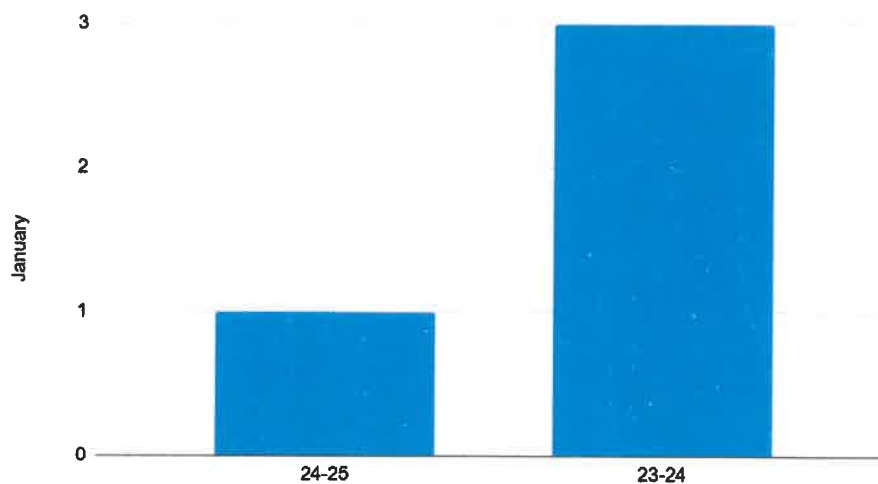
In January, EHHS saw a total of 27 office referrals with 20 detentions. Out of the total office referrals there were 0 In-School Suspensions (ISS) and 1 Out-Of School Suspension (OSS). Last year there were 9 In-School Suspensions (ISS) and 3 Out-Of School Suspensions (OSS). We continue to see a decrease in the number of suspensions and detentions from the

previous year. This is in large part due to the efforts made by the entire staff to teach and reinforce expectations in all areas of the school.

In School Suspension



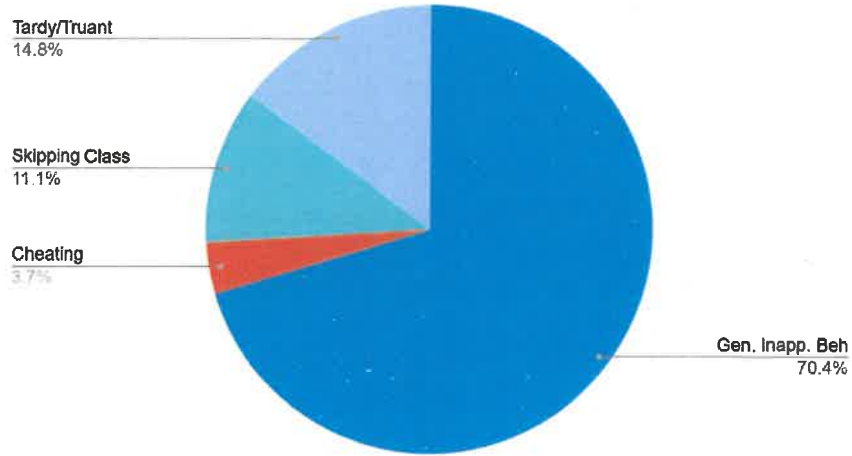
Out of School Suspension



Office Referrals by Category:

The types of office referrals in January are outlined in the graph below. General Misbehavior in class is the highest number of referrals we see in each month. Other issues of skipping classes and tardies continue to be an issue for some students. We are working with our staff to determine the best way to address attendance and tardy issues.

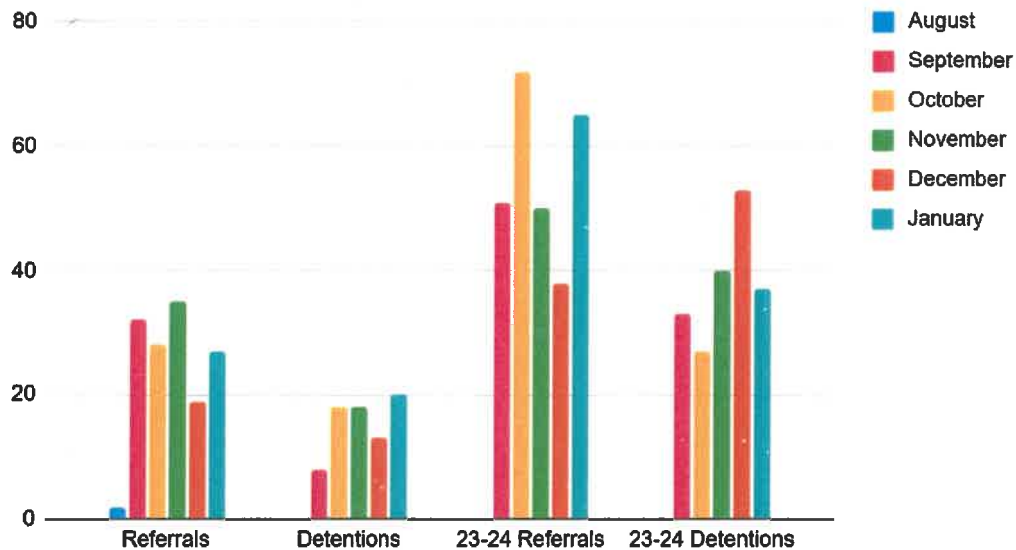
January Referrals 2025



Comparison of Referrals and Detentions:

The chart below compares our referrals and detentions this school year to the last school year. As you can see, our students are doing what is expected of them the majority of the time they are on campus. It is also very evident that students know what the consequences are for certain actions as they can communicate those prior to receiving the consequence. We are excited to see our end of year data compared to last year.

Referral and Detention Comparison



Mrs. Klock
EHHS Vice Principal



East Helena High School

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“Success For All”

To: East Helena School Board

From: Shaun Murgel

Subject: 2/10/2025

Activities:

Update on Activities: The winter season is passing quickly. We have just completed the State Speech and Debate competition, and the wrestling divisionals are now finished. We look forward to concluding state wrestling and swimming this coming weekend. We are excited to see how both of these programs wrap up their seasons. Meanwhile, the basketball programs are still in action and will complete the regular season this weekend.

The last thing is an update on the 6 MHSAs Proposals: 5 of 6 were approved.

1. 8th grade participation. Students will be allowed to participate concurrently in both high school and middle school in the same sport.
2. MHSAs Awards rule has been amended. The amount is now up to \$500 in non-monetary compensation.
3. Change to the MHSAs Amateur Rule. A student athlete can now profit from their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL).
4. MHSAs By-Laws were amended to add a 3- game suspension to each spectator who is ejected from a contest in the future.
5. MHSAs By-Laws were amended to require MHSAs participants to undergo a Pre-Participation Physical Exam every two years now instead of every year.

District Website link:

<https://www.ehpsmt.gov/>

AD Newsletter link:

<https://ehhs.ehpsmt.gov/ehhs-athletics-activities/athletics-updates>

Facility Use:

February seems to be a month where our facility usage seems a bit slow. The reason being is that we don't have many outside groups using our facilities. It gives our custodians a chance to get some rest, before March when our usage is really picking up. We are still getting lots of requests for different gym space use, and Janie is doing a spectacular job of getting our calendar organized and accommodating as many of these requests as possible.

Facility Use Schedule Link and my email:

<https://www.ehpsmt.gov/district-facilities/district-facility-use/facility-reservation-instructions>

smurgel@ehps.k12.mt.us.

Transportation:

It has been awhile since we have been able to say this, but we have a couple of sub drivers to help out when we have a lot of activity trips out. Nick has done a great job of recruiting more drivers and it has really been great to have some back ups to help cover routes when our regular trip drivers are out late with activities.

Nick Turner nturner@ehps.k12.mt.us Transportation Supervisor Contact

Thanks

Shaun Murgel



EHPS Technology Report

February 10th, 2025



To the EHPS Chairman and Board of Trustees,

The month of January brought little change in the tech world as we focused on remedying issues with Infinite Campus related to grades and schedules. With that behind us, we are working on a fix to eliminate these issues in the future but they will not take effect until the 2025-2026 school year as the schedules are already built.

Speaking of next school year, as of February 1st online registrations are now open for all schools in the district.

February is an exciting time in the tech world as a handful of us will travel to Seattle for the Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) 2025 conference. This conference focuses on education with topics such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, emerging technology, professional development, and Esports. This is a great opportunity to network and discuss the best practices of other institutions so we can continue to work on keeping the East Helena school district at the forefront of technology and security.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Power
Technology Coordinator

EXHIBIT B

Compensation

Contractor will provide the direct Day Treatment services and bill for those services following this procedure:

1. Contractor will provide Day Treatment services to enrolled Students authorized to receive Day Treatment services.
2. For those students who are not Medicaid eligible, Contractor shall bill the Student, the student's parent or guardian, third party insurer, or any other payor source. It is the responsibility of Contractor to seek payment for Day Treatment services rendered to non-Medicaid eligible students from all third-party payers.
3. Either party may request changes to this rate during contract term if there are changes to the service rate on the Medicaid Fee schedule or Office of Public Instruction (OPI) funding.
4. Contractor will invoice the District for Students enrolled in the Day Treatment program who are ineligible for Medicaid, uninsured, whose parents do not consent to insurance billing, or who have exhausted benefits from commercial or private insurance, at a rate equivalent to the DPHHS day treatment reimbursement rate. These costs include: \$92.94 per day (6 hours per Medicaid fee schedule). Monthly statements will be provided for services not covered by Medicaid or private insurance during the 2024-2025 school year.
5. If any out-of-pocket expenses are incurred by the Contractor for services provided to students, the District will be the payor of last resort, and will be responsible for reimbursing any costs related to any other special education and related service costs included in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and delivered by Intermountain, in full after the Contractor has made reasonable and documented attempts to collect payment from the client or their family. Documentation of such collection efforts, including communication logs and billing notices, will be provided to the District upon request. The District's reimbursement shall include any outstanding amounts necessary to ensure the Contractor is fully compensated for day treatment services rendered.
6. Operational costs for delivering therapeutic services to students will be billed monthly (on or before the 25th of each month). For the 2024-2025 school year (180 days), these operational costs total \$8 per school day, per student.

EAST HELENA HIGH SCHOOL

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

Responsible

- ◆ Disciplined
- ◆ Reliable
- ◆ Honest
- ◆ Respectful

Engaged

- ◆ Confident Speaker
- ◆ Clear Writer
- ◆ Passionate advocate
- ◆ Proactive



Thoughtful

- ◆ Informed
- ◆ Reasonable
- ◆ Adaptable
- ◆ Problem Solver

Leader

- ◆ Resilient
- ◆ Confident
- ◆ Courageous
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VIGILANTES ARE CAREER, COLLEGE, AND LIFE READY.

Preliminary FY 26 General Fund Budget estimates for EHPS 2.10.25

Projected Budgetary Increases	
Pay Increases -(Includes anticipated steps/lanes, negotiated and anticipated increases)	\$495,282.00
Inflationary increases: supplies, textbooks, fuel costs, utilities	\$10,000.00
Health insurance estimated increase	\$121,759.00
Total anticipated	\$627,041.00

Current GF Budget	\$14,172,701.00	
Projected FY '26 with increased ANB	\$14,647,201.00	\$474,500 Increase from current GF Budget
Projected FY '26 with increased ANB and a possible 3% legislative increase	\$14,960,028.00	\$787,327 Increase from current GF Budget
Max voted Budget based on 2024 ANB Count		

**includes factors such as Jumpstart ANB, Loss of 227 Base Aid, loss of 7 QEP (Staff cuts)

Potential Items/Positions to consider if budgets allow

Textbook purchase increases for Pre K - 12 and 2000 students	Have previously relied on ESSER funds for these
Ag Teacher EHHS/EVMS	Cut to .5 FTE in 24-25
Foods/Nutrition teacher - EVMS	Cut in 24-25
2nd Business Teacher - EHHS	Cut in 24-25
up to 5 paraprofessional positions or additional special education teacher	Cut in 24-25
Instructional Coach	Cut in 24-25
.5 librarian	Variance to Standards Request
.5 - 1.0 FTE Charter Admin	Charter Application
Central Office Position	Staffing and benefits growth and demand
Jumpstart	Paid from General Fund
Instructional Tutors	Cut in 24-25
Food Service Workers	Additional staffing needed
Maintenance position	Part of past Mill levy request that did not pass
Bus Drivers	



January 7, 2025

Jill Hoogerheide, District Clerk
East Helena Public Schools
PO Box 1280
East Helena, MT 59635

Dear Ms. Hoogerheide,

This notification is to inform you that the Office of Public Instruction has approved a student in East Helena Public Schools for the Education Savings Account Program. The Education Savings Account is a reimbursement program for parents of a child with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20. U.S.C 1400, et seq. The purpose of this program is to provide flexibility for parents in their child's education. Per [20-7-1709, MCA](#), school districts will remit the appropriate amount back to the OPI no later than the 10th of the month following the BASE aid distribution. For more information on this program, go to the [Education Savings Account Webpage](#). Parents may re-enroll their student in public school at any time, which would effectively terminate the student's participation in the ESA. For more information schools may view the bill [here](#).

Student(s) Approved: [REDACTED]
Total ESA Award: \$3,619.55

The allocation for newly approved students will be divided into five equal payments, totaling half of the full allocation amount for the remainder of the school year. In the following year, students will receive the full allocation amount, which will be split into ten equal payments throughout the fiscal year. The amount families receive in their savings account is determined by the ANB formula for students. You may find the amount per student per district [here](#). Please refer to the payment schedule below:

Payment Month	Payment Amount	Due Date
January 2025	\$723.91	2/10/2025
February 2025	\$723.91	03/10/2025
March 2025	\$723.91	04/10/2025
April 2025	\$723.91	05/10/2025
May/June 2025	\$723.91	06/10/2025

Fund: X01 General Fund
Program Code: 999 Transfers to OPI
Function Code: 62XX Resource Transfers
Object Code: 950 Transfer to the OPI for the ESA Program

Sincerely,

Whitney Williams
ESA Program Budget Analyst
Whitney.Williams2@mt.gov
(406) 444-3408

Please remit payments to:
Office of Public Instruction
Attn: Whitney Williams
PO Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620



East Helena Public Schools

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District Calendar

First Day of School: August 27

Last Day of School: June 9



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Early Release Dates**

September

November

December

January

February

March

April

June

August

School Board Meeting -11th

School Starts 27th

September

Labor Day 1st

School Board Meeting -8th

October

School Board Meeting-13th

State Convention-16th & 17th

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School Resumes- 5th

School Board Mtg- 12th

Martin Luther King Day -19th

February

School Board Mtg -9th

President's Day -16th

March

School Board Mtg-9th

Spring Break 23rd-27th

April

Easter Monday-6th

School Board Mtg -13th

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East Helena High School
"Home of the Vigilantes"
2760 Valley Drive, East Helena, MT 59635
(406) 227-7730 - Phone ■ (406) 227-3520 - Fax

EHHS Principal Report

February 2025

227 Academy

The 227 Academy is a separate wing in the High School. Students are made up of students who work from home, work in the 227 Academy, or are in the HS doing other classes.

The reasons for students being in the 227 Academy are they struggle academically in the traditional classroom due to either anxiety or working at a lower level or inability to work in the traditional setting. Often students are credit deficient, but not always. There are some students who are looking to work quicker than the normal classroom setting to graduate early or finish requirements early. A few wish to work and then do school work at night.

The school work in the 227 Academy is delivered via Competency Based Learning and/or Transformational Learning Models.

Parents and students have to meet with the admin team (Admin, Counselor) and then sign a contract relating to attendance, behavior and expectations.

We currently have 60 students in the 227 HS Academy. We have moved about 5-10 students into and out of the 227 Academy for the 2nd Semester. The students moving in are there as the parent, student and admin feel the environment may be beneficial. Students are moving back to the HS due to attendance issues, behavior, and/or effort. The 227 Academy has been set up to be a positive work space and not a dumping ground for students. This is explained during the contract phase.

Out of the 60 students we have 41 students who split time between the Academy and the HS. Then we have 19 Virtual students who may do a mix of in person (electives), online 227 cores (English, SS, Math, Science), MTDA (online classes provider), and/or Edgenuity (online classes provider).

Currently the 227 in person Academy students have gained a total of 16 Semester Math Credits (13 students), 34 Semester English Credits (22 students), 20 Semester Science Credits (22 students), 38 Semester Social Studies Credits (28 students).

Online in the MTDA we had for Semester 1, 67 individual class enrollments (31 students), with 61 Semester Credits gained, with 6 classes dropped or failed. Online in Edgenuity, we have 16 students that have completed 7 Semester Credits, with 35 ongoing classes.

We have some students in the 227 who really lack confidence in their abilities, and are being helped along with the quiet environment and more individualized approach the Academy can offer.

We have a few severely credit deficient students who are flying high, including one student who has completed 16 Semester Credits this Semester.

We are finding that our initial conversations are now strongly emphasizing the expectations, and informing parents and students we will move them out of 227 if we feel the student has not lived up to their side of the bargain.

In summary, the Teachers, Counselors and Admin are generally pleased with the progress.

I will be open to questions at the Board Meeting as there may be parts here where you would like clarification, and to explain the challenges we have faced.

Extra Students in 2025-26

In 2025-26 we will lose our Senior Class of 120, and pick up a Freshman Class of 180. As we start the process of putting together a 2025-26 student schedule, we feel we will need more teaching staff and/or less students.

Shout Out

To the Student Advisory Group and Student Council, who help in making ideas and working to improve the culture of our school, via organizing Assemblies, the Prom, and coming up with ideas recently about how to recognize the accomplishments of their fellow students.



**East Helena Public Schools
School District No. 9**

P.O. Box 1280 * East Helena, MT. 59635

Superintendent/ Administration Office (406) 227-7700

Eastgate Elementary School (406) 227-7770 * Prickly Pear Elementary (406) 227-7720

Radley Elementary School (406) 227-7710 * East Valley Middle School (406) 227-7740

East Helena High School (406) 227-7730

"Success For All"



Memorandum of Understanding

February 10, 2025

Effective immediately, the East Helena School District and the East Helena Education Association agree, without setting a precedent, to allow District teachers to substitute as paraprofessionals during a period that would normally be the teacher's prep period.

The teacher providing sub coverage during their prep will be paid at an hourly rate for the prep periods he/she takes after the school day when he/she subs as a para during the normal prep period. The hourly rate of pay will be the board adopted hourly rate for certified teachers of \$23/hour.

The Memorandum of Understanding achieves this mutual intent. This Memorandum will be in effect for the remainder of the 2024- 2025 school year and does not constitute a change in the Master Agreement or set precedent for future matters. The employee and Association waive their right to grieve the provisions in the contract as stated in this Memorandum.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 2025.

President, East Helena Education Association

Superintendent / Board Chair

Employee

Attest,

District Clerk

RESOLUTION #240

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees for the East Helena School District #9, of Lewis and Clark County, State of Montana, will hold the annual regular school election by mail ballot on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 2025, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The Election will be conducted by Mail Ballot

Voting will end at 8:00 p.m. on May 6, 2025. The designated place of deposit will be located at:

226 E. Clinton Street, East Helena, Montana - Central Office
316 N. Park Avenue – RM 168, Helena, Montana – Lewis & Clark Elections office

The purpose of the election is to:

1. Elect Two (2) trustee positions for a 3-year term
2. Seek approval for District General Fund, Building Reserve and Technology levies to operate and maintain the East Helena K-12 District for the 2025-2026 school year.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes the District Clerk and or the Election Administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

The following three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election.

Cindy Nelson	P.O. Box 2032	East Helena, Montana
Janice Smith	P.O. Box 3	East Helena, Montana
Betty Poucher	P.O. Box 443	East Helena, Montana

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request her to close registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Scott Walter, Chairman

Jill Hoogerheide, Clerk

Dated: February 10, 2025