

2026-2027



EAST HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Dist #9
P.O. BOX 1280 EAST HELENA, MT. 59635

“Success For All”



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Radley Elementary	227-7710
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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to another great year of school in East Helena. We are excited to welcome the kids back to our schools and get started on another fun year of learning and activities. Our amazing custodial crew has spent the summer giving our schools a deep clean and sprucing things up a bit. Teachers have been busy learning new instructional techniques and preparing their rooms. All of our staff are ready for the kids to come back!

The East Helena School staff continue to implement a clearly defined curriculum and behavior management program. Our goal is to help your child excel with the academic and behavior skills necessary for his/her success in school and in life. We want to partner with parents in this effort and welcome your input. The calendar is designed to answer some of the questions you might have about your school. However, please don't hesitate to call, or come in, if you have additional questions. Please see the school website for more current information: <https://www.ehpsmt.gov/>

Sincerely,

Your Administrative Team

EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 DIRECTORY

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Superintendent		
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Fax Line	(406) 227-7713	
EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL	401 Kalispell	(406) 227-7740
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MISSION STATEMENT

Success for All Students

“East Helena Public Schools in partnership with the parents and community will offer a caring environment where students gain knowledge, grow in wisdom, develop confidence and value learning for life.”

EHPS GOALS:

1. All students will achieve maximum academic growth as measured by District benchmark assessments in reading, writing, math and science.
2. The District will improve active, productive teaming and peer interactions in reading, writing and mathematics achievement by providing and extending a variety of professional development opportunities with ongoing support to staff.
3. All students will have the opportunity to reach their individual potential through a developmentally appropriate curriculum that is progressive, effective and visionary and may include personalized learning.
4. The District will extend in-service opportunities to staff to improve achievement of all intensive and strategic learners.
5. The District will use multiple assessments to direct instruction.
6. All District staff will make building positive relationships with all students, families, community and staff its top priority.
7. The District will use an ongoing cycle of improvement using multiple data sources to measure improvement.
8. All students will have the opportunity to receive an education that prepares them to be socially responsible citizens.
9. The District will continue to pursue cooperative partnerships with other school districts and outside agencies to meet the needs of our students in the most fiscally responsible and efficient manner possible.

CALENDAR DATES

Please note on your calendar that there are **six (6)** days during the year in which we will have early releases (**12:30**) to help facilitate staff in-services designed for meeting the school improvement process, new accreditation and curriculum processes. There are also two other early release dates on December 18 and June 8 at 1:30

HELP YOUR CHILD GET OFF TO A GOOD START

Our school views the link between parent/caregiver, student, and teacher as vital. Children who have a sense of security at home, who are given an opportunity to develop independence and who are encouraged to solve their own problems, have a head start in life. Working together, home and school contribute significantly to a child's readiness for reading. As children grow, readiness for reading comes from all they do, both in school and out. Books you read to your children help them to foster a growing readiness for the printed word. Through books, your child learns that words are really thoughts written down in a logical sequence. Home and school, together, promote a readiness by helping the child develop a positive self-image. We look for your help in supporting and encouraging your children and believe that praise is crucial to the growth of their confidence and self-esteem. We hope that you will therefore:

- Spend time to find out what your children are studying, when deadlines occur, or demanding times approach.
- Help them to have opportunities for reflecting on their work and developing enthusiasm for knowledge.
- Be present, whenever possible, at the school events involving your child.
- Help your children to become organized and make sure they have the right equipment for school.
- Ensure that they have the right balance between school work and home-based activities and interests.
- Help your child to make healthy lifestyle choices.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND THE PARENT

There is not a more important aspect of school discipline than the role that the parent plays in the process. Without discipline, there can be no instruction. Without the support of the parents, there can be no effective discipline applied in the schools. Discipline involves not only the relationship with oneself, but one's attitude toward other people and their property. Discipline underlies the entire framework of education. Those who are well disciplined have developed self-control, orderliness, good character, and a degree of efficiency in their lives. Those with the responsibility of discipline at the school fully understand that there must exist a cooperative atmosphere between the home and the school for our discipline policies to be effective. Home and school working together ensures that our main task of education can be accomplished.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The East Helena School District proudly offers a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to all students who reside in the district. The District complies with all Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 regulations which require school districts to provide FAPE to each qualified person with a disability who is in the school district's jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. It is the policy of the East Helena School District not to discriminate. The District has adopted an internal grievance procedure that complies with the laws and regulations set forth both at the State and Federal level. These policies and an appeals process may be examined in any of the District or school building offices. The East Helena School District provides procedural safeguards to parents/guardians with children that have been identified as eligible under IDEA as well.

Any person who believes she or he has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance under this procedure. The availability and use of this grievance procedure does not prevent a person from filing a complaint of discrimination on the basis of disability with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. You may also consult the EHPS District website for further information on safeguards and educational access. The Parent Notification Letter can be found at <https://www.ehpsmt.gov/parent-resources/annual-notice>

EMERGENCIES

In the event that weather conditions or other emergencies require the closing of school, **emails, school website updates, Facebook, and the local radio/tv stations will notify parents.** Students will be transported to other District facilities in case of a catastrophic building failure. **STAY TUNED TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS AND OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION.** If both parents work, arrangements should be made for a neighbor or friend to account for your children should emergency conditions warrant an early dismissal. To instill safe procedures in emergency situations, students are taught and practice appropriate steps to follow for fire, earthquakes, and any other life-threatening situation. Practices are conducted on a regular basis to keep awareness levels high. Occasionally, the Air Quality Bureau advises the schools of "poor" air quality. When this occurs in East Helena, the principal will decide whether the students are kept in during the noon hour and recesses. Special consideration will be given to students with chronic medical conditions. When the weather becomes extremely cold, we allow students to stay indoors. Physicians have advised us to use zero-degree wind chill as the rule in determining when children stay indoors. We must recognize the difference between "uncomfortable" temperatures and those that present a health hazard. Please prepare your child for temperatures of a Montana winter by dressing them properly with a heavy coat, hat, boots, and gloves or mittens.

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>School Board Meeting @ EHHS 5:30</i>	11 <i>Fall Sports Parent Meeting @ EHHS Gym 6:00 PM</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Butte</i> <i>Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	18 <i>EHHS Schedule Pickup: Seniors 8-11 Juniors 12-3</i> <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Fox Ridge</i>	19 <i>EHHS Schedule Pickup: Sophomores 8-11 Freshmen 12-3</i> <i>227 High School Parent Meetings with Admin</i>	20 <i>227 High School Parent Meetings with Admin</i> <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Havre</i>	21 <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Browning</i>	22
23	24 <i>Open Houses: LittleLante 4:30 - 6:00 PPE & Radley 4:30-6:00 EVMS 4:00-5:30</i> <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Helena</i>	25 <i>9th Grade/New Student Orientation and Open House BBQ Night 6:00-7:00</i>	26 	27 <i>Kindergarten 1st Day!</i>	28 <i>Vigilante: V. Football vs Miles City VBall Tip-off @ Livingston Soccer @ Frenchtown</i>	29 <i>Vigilante: Frosh FB vs. Bozeman 10:00 am</i> <i>Flag FB vs. Hamilton & Jefferson</i>
30	31 <i>First Day for High School 227 Academy</i> <i>Vigilante: Flag FB vs. Belgrade</i>					

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

The requirements for identification of all new students are Mandated By State Law.

Upon enrollment of a student for the first time in an elementary or secondary school, the school shall notify, in writing, the person enrolling the student, must provide either a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other reliable proof of the student's identity and birth date, which proof shall be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.
(See Montana Code 44-2511)

A child must be five years of age on or before September 10th of the year the child is to enroll in the district's kindergarten, and six years of age on or before September 10th of the year the child is to enroll in the District's first grade program (MCA 20-5-101).

Students enrolling may be asked to provide entrance information and proof of residency and then return the following school day so that the school has the opportunity to prepare for the placement. Military families should consult with the building principal for additional support.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Students entering School District No. 9 must present evidence of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubella, mumps, and measles (rubeola) prior to being enrolled in school or the first day of attendance. Students entering seventh grade are required to have been administered two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and a booster dose of the tetanus vaccine (Td or Tdap). Students cannot be enrolled or attend the seventh grade unless documentation of the above vaccinations is provided to East Valley Middle School. A pupil who transfers from one school to another may photocopy immunization records in the possession of the school of origin. The school District to which a pupil transfers shall accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization.

PROOF OF BIRTH RECORDS

When a child enrolls in the East Helena Schools for the first time, the following steps will be taken:

1. The District Official shall require the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian to present to the school proof of identity of the child; *and*
2. Request the appropriate school records of the child from the school the child previously attended. The request must be made within 40 days of the child's enrollment.

If a child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian does not present proof of identity within 40 days of enrollment or the school District does not receive the school records of the child within 60 days of enrollment, the school shall notify the missing children information program and an enforcement official of the fact that no proof of identity has been presented for the child.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 EHHS Picture Day EVMS Picture Day <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Billings</i> PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00	2 Radley Picture Day <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Dillon</i>	3	4 Vigilante: XC @ Kalispell V. Football @ Dillon VBall Tip-off @ East Helena Golf @ Lewistown Soccer vs Corvallis	5 Vigilante: VBall Tip-off @ East Helena
6	7 No School 	8 5th Grade Instrument Rental 3:15-7:00 EVMS VBall @ HCA <i>Vigilante: JV Football vs Dillon</i> <i>JV Golf @ Fox Ridge</i> <i>Flag Football @ Hellgate</i>	9 PPE Picture Day	10 EG Picture Day EVMS VBall @ Deer Lodge <i>Vigilante: VBall @ Laurel</i> <i>Soccer vs Park</i> <i>Flag Football @ Mission</i>	11  Vigilante: <i>V. Football vs Columbia Falls</i>	12 Vigilante: XC @ Bozeman Soccer vs Billings Flag Football @ Boulder
13	14 School Board Meeting @ EHHS @ 5:30 Homecoming Week <i>Vigilante: JV Football @ Frenchtown</i>	15 IT Professionals Day! EVMS VBall vs Deer Lodge <i>Vigilante: Soccer vs Lone Peak</i>	16	17 EVMS VBall vs MTC <i>Vigilante: Soccer @ Laurel</i> <i>Golf @ Billings Central</i> <i>Flag Football vs Three Forks</i> Community Folk Dance Night!	18 Vigilante: VBall @ Hardin Golf @ Laurel V. Football vs Lockwood *Homecoming*	19 Vigilante: XC @ Missoula VBall vs Lockwood Homecoming Dance
20	21 EVMS VBall vs Townsend <i>Vigilante: Golf @ Dillon</i> <i>JV Football @ Lockwood</i> <i>Flag Football @ Three Forks</i> Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm	22 Vigilante: VBall @ Park	23 EVMS VBall @ Butte	24 EVMS VBall vs Clancy <i>Vigilante: Soccer @ Lockwood</i> Kindergarten Open House - 6:00 - 7:00	25 Vigilante: V. Football @ Park Golf Divisionals @ Fox Ridge	26 Vigilante: XC @ Dillon VBall vs Billings Soccer @ Billings
27	28 Early Release 12:30 EVMS VBall vs Dillon	29 EVMS VBall vs Butte <i>Vigilante: Soccer @ Lone Peak</i> <i>Flag Football @ Hamilton</i>	30			

HEALTH SERVICES

The District employs a full-time nurse. It is the job of the nurse to maintain up-to-date records on all students, conduct health screenings and maintain adequate health services. The School District has adopted a Medication Policy which is available upon request. In essence, we ask that medications be administered at home. If a student is unable to complete the school day without a medication (prescription or non-prescription), parents should contact the school nurse. **No medication will be administered in school without written authorization from the parent and physician.** Parents should inform the school nurse if their child has allergies, chronic illnesses, and/or serious physical problems. Health screenings provided by the school include: a) vision; b) dental; c) scoliosis; d) hearing

The District encourages, but does not require a physical examination for students entering school but does require a physical exam for admittance to an athletic program. The District **DOES NOT** provide insurance coverage for injuries due to the prohibitive cost of such coverage.

SCHOOL FIRST AID

There are facilities in each school for a student to lie down if not feeling well. If the child has a fever or does not feel well enough to return to class in a short time, a parent will be contacted to have the child picked up at school. The school **MUST HAVE** a current phone number where you can be contacted. Policies for administering first aid within the school system have been formulated by a medical advisory board. Very minor injuries will be taken care of by school personnel or by the school nurse. Parents will be contacted and requested to take over the responsibility for any care that goes beyond “first aid.” **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SCHOOLS HAVE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS IN CASE THE PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED. Students that do not feel well or are running a fever should stay home.**

PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS

Every teacher and student have unique talents and needs. We will do our best to place your child in the class that will provide the best opportunity to succeed and at the same time maintain balance between classes of the same grade level. Many factors are considered in making this decision. Academic, emotional, social, and personal needs of each student are some of the significant factors taken into consideration by the teachers and principal. Parents wishing to have their child receive remote learning alternatives should contact the school immediately and complete the necessary application process.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND DUE PROCESS

The Board recognizes that situations may arise in the operation of the District, which are of concern to parents or other community members. Such concerns are best dealt with through communications with appropriate staff members and administrators of the District.

The following due process procedure should be followed as the proper procedure to resolve concerns or answer questions:

Step 1. Unsettled matters involving students and their teachers should be directed to the teacher involved.

Step 2. If the unsettled matter described in step 1 cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the matter should be directed to the building principal.

Questions or concerns related to individual schools should also be directed to the building principal.

Step 3. If the unsettled matter described in step 2 cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the concern should be directed to the Superintendent.

Step 4. If the unsettled matter described in Step 3 cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the concern should be brought to the attention of the Board.

Questions or concerns submitted to the individual Board members after steps one through three should be brought to the attention of the entire Board during a regular or special Board meeting by placement on the Board agenda according to established procedures.

The Board of Trustees considers it the obligation of District employees to respond to questions or concerns of parents or community members at a mutually convenient time for both parties.

OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 EVMS VBall @ Boulder Vigilante: Golf @ State VBall vs Laurel	2 Vigilante: Soccer @ Park V. Football vs Laurel Frosh vs Laurel	3 Vigilante: VBall @ Havre EHHS Showcase of Bands @ MSU
4	5 Vigilante: JV Football @ Laurel	6 PT Conferences-K-5 EVMS VBall @ Clancy	7 Walk To School Day! PT Conferences 6-8 EVMS VBall @ MTC Vigilante: XC @ Helena	8 PT Conferences All K-8 Vigilante: VBall @ Fergus Marching Band Concert	9 Vigilante: VBall @ Butte → V. Football @ Browning Soccer vs Lockwood	10 Vigilante: Soccer vs Laurel
11	12 School Board Meeting @ EVMS 5:30 Vigilante: JV Football vs Browning	13 EVMS VBall @ Townsend EHHS Choir Concert 7:00	14 EVMS VBall vs Boulder Vigilante: XC @ Helena	15 State MEA Convention No School EVMS VBall vs Butte Vigilante: VBall @ Lockwood	16 State MEA Convention No School Vigilante: V. Football vs Havre ~ Senior Night~	17 Vigilante: VBall vs Hardin
18	19 Red Ribbon Week! Vigilante: VBall vs Park JV Football @ Three Forks Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm	20 EVMS VBall @ Butte EVMS & EHHS Fall Jazz Concert 6:00 	21 Red Ribbon Parade 2:00  EHHS PT Conferences	22 EHHS PT Conferences	23 Vigilante: V. Football @ Fergus	24 Vigilante: VBall @ Billings XC State @ Billings
25	26	27 6th-8th Grade Band Concert 6:00 	28 PPE Picture Retakes	29	30 End of 1st Quarter	31 Happy Halloween! 

EAST HELENA SCHOOLS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

"Excellent schools don't just happen – they're created."

Volunteers are an important part of our East Helena Schools. Volunteers are needed in classrooms, as well as to help organize or assist in providing programs for our students and teachers.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) helps out with student activities throughout the year.

The purpose of the PTO is to support the education of children in the East Helena School District by fostering relationships among the students, parents and teachers. PTO sponsors assistance to teachers in the classrooms, raise funds for supplemental educational materials and experiences, supports school and family social events, and provides a forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children.

All teachers, staff, parents and guardians of students who attend East Helena Schools are encouraged to become involved with PTO. You can volunteer, organize events, support fundraisers, attend and contribute to meetings, and/or make a financial donation to help PTO do all they can for the East Helena Schools.

Take The Time To Make A Difference!

If you have any questions about PTO, fundraising activities, or ideas you would like to present, please come join us at a meeting. Meetings are held during the school year at the EVMS Library on the 1st Tuesday of each month. You may also contact our PTO Board President at easthelenapto@gmail.com, find us on Facebook "East Helena Parent Teacher Organization" and/or via the Band App "East Helena PTO"

PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORTS FOR 2026– 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Annual Ultimate Raise Fundraiser
Box Tops for Education
Christmas Gift Giving Tree
Snacks for Kids Heart Challenge
Teacher Dinners at Conferences
Staff Grants for classroom/program materials
Staff Appreciation
Radbration
Character Strong Curriculum
School Field Trips
School Hosted Family Events
Movie Nights



The Booster Club was established in 2019 when the first students started high school. Since then, the Booster Club has given over \$128,000 back to programs within the high school. Our mission is to promote and support the students, coaches, and advisors of East Helena High School. We need individuals, families, and businesses to become members and contribute time to the Booster Club each year to continue to give back and expand our impact. Follow us on Facebook, East Helena High School Booster Club, contact us at 227Boosters@gmail.com, and check out our website: EHHSBoosters.org for more information on our memberships and annual fundraiser in November. High School parents are encouraged to volunteer, help organize events, support fundraisers, attend meetings and/or make a financial donation to help the EHHS Booster Club. Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of every month in the library at the high school at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends~ Clocks Forward</i> 	2 <i>Early Release <u>12:30</u></i>	3 <i>PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00</i>	4	5 <i>EVMS Boys BBall vs Clancy</i> <i>Vigilante: VBall Divisionals @ Miles City→</i>	6	7 <i>Vigilante: Speech & Debate @ Browning</i>
8	9 <i>EVMS Picture Retakes</i> <i>EVMS Boys BBall vs Dillon</i> <i>School Board Meeting EVMS 5:30</i>	10 <i>EVMS Choir Concert 6:00</i> 	11  <i>EVMS Boys BBall vs Deer Lodge</i>	12 <i>EVMS Boys BBall @ Butte</i>	13 <i>Vigilante: Speech & Debate @ Bozeman →</i>	14 <i>EHHS Booster Club Annual Fundraiser</i>
15	16 <i>EVMS Boys BBall vs Butte</i> <i>Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	17	18 <i>EVMS Boys BBall @ MTC</i>	19 <i>EVMS Boys BBall vs HCA</i>	20	21 <i>Vigilante: Speech & Debate @ Columbia Falls</i>
22	23 <i>EVMS Boys BBall @ Butte</i>	24 <i>End of T1 - EG/PPE</i>	25 <i>No School</i>	26 <i>No School</i>  HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	27 <i>No School</i>	28
29	30					

SCHOOL WELLNESS

The East Helena School District is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Therefore, it is the policy of the East Helena School District that:

- Qualified child nutrition professionals will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods which meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.
- To the maximum extent practicable, all schools in the District will participate in available federal school meal programs, including the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program (including after-school snacks).
- Schools will provide nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity and will establish linkages between health education and school meal programs and with related community services.

All K-12 students of the District shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised, organized or unstructured, physical activities, to maintain physical fitness, and to understand the short-and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

Nutrition Standards The District shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations. The District shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices through accessibility and marketing efforts of healthful foods. The District shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students.

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness The District may implement other appropriate programs that help create a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity, such as staff wellness programs, non-food reward system and fundraising efforts.

Maintaining Student Wellness The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy. Input from teachers, parents/guardians, students, school food service program, the school board, school administrators, and the public shall be considered before implementing such rules. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The Wellness committee as described in the Wellness Handbook shall measure how well this policy is being implemented, managed, and enforced. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, as requested, on the District's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

DECEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> EVMS Boys BBall @ Deer Lodge 5th Grade Band Concert 6:00 	<i>2</i> PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00	<i>3</i> East Helena Christmas Stroll  EVMS Boys BBall @ Clancy	<i>4</i> Vigilante: BBall @ Havre	<i>5</i> Vigilante: Speech & Debate @ Whitefish
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Vigilante: BBall @ Butte Holiday Band Concert 7:00 	<i>8</i> EVMS Boys BBall vs Butte East 3rd Grade Holiday Program 2:00 & 6:00 Vigilante: BBall @ Butte	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> EVMS Boys BBall vs MTC 2nd Grade Holiday Program 6:00 	<i>11</i> Vigilante: Swimming @ Butte Winter Dance- EHHS	<i>12</i> Vigilante: BBall @ Hardin Speech & Debate @ Miles City
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Kindergarten Holiday Program 5:00  School Board Meeting @ PPE 5:30	<i>15</i> Kindergarten Holiday Program 5:00 EHHS Choir Concert 7:00	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> EVMS Holiday Choir & Band Concert 6:00 Vigilante: Wrestling vs Dillon	<i>18</i> Early Release <u>1:30</u> Vigilante: Swimming @ Great Falls BBall Tip-off @ Lewistown → Wrestling @ Great Falls→	<i>19</i> Vigilante: Speech & Debate @ Livingston
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> No School Christmas Break→ Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm	<i>22</i> Vigilante: BBall @ Browning	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> No School Christmas Break→	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

School Breakfast/Lunch

All students will have the opportunity to eat breakfast and/or lunch at our schools. Any student who has an approved application on file for free or reduced-price lunch is automatically eligible for free or reduced-price breakfast. If you were receiving free or reduced meals on the last day of school in our District you will continue to receive free or reduced meals for (3) weeks into the school year. By 9/27/2026 you are required to have a new Free & Reduced Application on file for the 2026/2027 school year.

School breakfasts provide a good start toward meeting the daily nutritional needs of food energy, protein, vitamins, and minerals of students. Minimum requirements for a reimbursable breakfast are:

1. One-half pint milk
2. Four ounces (4 oz.) full-strength juice or four ounces (4 oz.) fruit or vegetable
3. Two one-ounce (1 oz.) servings of bread or a cereal grain product, or
4. Two one-ounce (1 oz.) servings of a meat/approved meat alternate, or
5. One ounce (1 oz.) serving of bread or cereal grain product and one ounce (1 oz.) of meat/approved meat alternate

Students in grades K-12 have the opportunity to eat either a hot or cold lunch at school. Lunch may be purchased on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Menus are prepared and sent home monthly so you can plan ahead for the days your child will eat hot lunch at school. Students eating a cold lunch may purchase a carton of milk. If your family income qualifies you for free or reduced-priced lunches, an application can be obtained at the school office or cafeteria. Salad Bar is offered at all schools.

Multiple lunch credits may be purchased in the school cafeteria from 8:00-8:20 each morning. Please purchase credits in advance.

Lunches:	Reduced-price meals	\$.40	Breakfast:	Reduced-price meals	\$.30
	Student Full-priced meal	3.00		Student Full-priced meal	1.80
	Adult Meals	4.30		Adult Meals	2.00
	Single Carton of Milk	.50			
	A La Carte	1.50			

Please make checks out to SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 – Cash can easily be lost so checks are preferred. Include the student's name and teacher on check.

Charging of meals is for emergencies only.

There is a \$10.00 charge limit per child.

Students that maintain a negative balance over \$10.00 are served a sandwich and carton of milk.

Make purchases with your Credit Card On-Line

Student lunch balances and fees can now be paid on-line, through your Infinite Campus parent portal. You can access your account through portal.ehpsmt.org. For assistance, email support@ehps.k12.mt.us

JANUARY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School  Vigilante: BBall vs Dillon	2
3	4 School Resumes	5 Vigilante: BBall vs Frenchtown PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00	6	7	8 Vigilante: Wrestling @ Bozeman→	9 Vigilante: Swimming @ Butte Speech & Debate @ Glendive
10	11 School Board Meeting @ Radley 5:30	12 EVMS Girls BBall vs Boulder	13 EVMS Girls BBall vs MTC	14 5th Grade Ski Day! 	15 Vigilante: BBall vs Lockwood Wrestling @ Miles City→	16 Vigilante: BBall vs Laurel Speech & Debate @ Dillon Swimming @ Hardin
17	18 Martin Luther King Day No School Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm	19 EVMS Girls BBall vs Butte Vigilante: BBall @ Park	20	21 EVMS Girls BBall @ Butte End of 2nd Quarter	22 Vigilante: Speech & Debate Divisionals @ Laurel → Girls BBall vs Billings Boys BBall @ Billings Girls Wrestling @ Fergus→	23 Vigilante: Boys Wrestling @ Hardin Swimming @ Great Falls
24	25 Early Release <u>12:30</u>	26 EVMS Girls BBall @ Butte	27	28 EVMS Girls BBall vs Butte 5th Grade Ski Day! Vigilante Boys BBall vs Hardin	29 No School Vigilante: Swimming @ Butte Speech & Drama Divisionals Girls BBall vs Hardin Wrestling Duals @ Park→	30 Vigilante: BBall @ Jefferson
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Two formal parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for every student. Additional conferences are welcomed and can be scheduled by the parent, or teacher, as the need arises. Effective communication will enhance our ability to provide a quality education. Quarterly/Trimester progress reports will be provided during the school year for grades K-5. Additionally, midterm reports for grades 6-12 will be provided. In grades K-5, teachers will send progress reports as needed throughout the quarter to indicate improvements and/or deficiencies. Conferences with Title I staff and Special Education teachers are available at the same time by appointment or drop in.

Cumulative records containing each child's grades, attendance, immunizations, assessments, etc. are kept in the school office. These records are available to parents for review. Simply call for an appointment with your child's principal.

LETTER GRADE SCALE

Grades 4-5		Grades 6-12
A Range	90 – 100 %	90 – 100%
B Range	80 – 89%	80 – 89%
C Range	70 – 79%	70 – 79%
D Range	60 – 69%	60 – 69%

Students enrolled in grades six, seven, and eight are required to earn credits based on an annual total of one (1) credit per year- long class and portions thereof appropriate to the percentage of a year-long class attended (see below). Any student who receives six (6) or more term F's may not be promoted or graduated.

Year-long classes =	one credit cumulative per year
Six-week classes =	one-sixth (1/6) credit
Semester classes =	one-half (1/2) credit per semester

Those sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students not earning sufficient credits during the year will be considered for retention. They will be afforded the opportunity, at their own expense, to make up those credits by taking extension and summer school courses. Eighth grade students not earning sufficient credits or making those credits up prior to graduation, will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies and will not receive a diploma. Administrative rules will be developed for transfer students not eligible for promotion/graduation based on this policy.

High School Students must earn 22 credits to graduate. Refer to the East Helena High School Handbook for details on graduation and credit policies. Visit the high school website at: <https://ehhs.ehpsmt.gov/>

FEBRUARY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>EVMS Girls BBall @ Dillon</i> <i>EHHS Choir Festival @ Polson</i>	2 <i>EVMS Girls BBall @ Deer Lodge</i> <i>Vigilante: Swimming @ Helena</i> <i>Band Festival @ Glendive→</i> PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00	3	4 <i>EVMS Girls BBall vs DeerLodge</i>	5 Vigilante: <i>BBall @ Lockwood</i>	6 Vigilante: <i>BBall @ Laurel</i> <i>Girls Wrestling @ Hardin</i> <i>Swimming @ Hardin</i>
7	8 <i>EVMS Girls BBall @ Clancy</i> School Board Meeting @ Eastgate 5:30	9 Vigilante: <i>BBall vs Park</i>	10 8th Grade/High School Bridge Concert	11 <i>EVMS Girls BBall @ MTC</i>	12 Vigilante: <i>Wrestling Divisionals @ Miles City →</i> <i>State Swimming @ Great Falls →</i>	13 Vigilante: <i>Girls BBall @ Billings</i> <i>Boys BBall vs Billings</i>
14 	15 No School  SRO Appreciation Day Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm	16 PT Conferences EHHS	17 PT Conferences EHHS	18 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert 6:00 <i>EVMS Girls BBall @ Boulder</i> Vigilante: <i>State Wrestling @ Billings →</i>	19	20
21	22 Bus Driver Appreciation Day  Early Release <u>12:30</u>	23 8th Grade Band Festival @ Missoula	24 PT Conferences EVMS	25 PT Conferences EVMS	26	27 227 Day! 
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MARCH 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00</i>	3 <i>Swing into Spring Band Benefit 6:00</i>	4 <i>EVMS Band/Choir Outreach Program @ Radley 8:30 am</i> <i>5th Grade Band Concert 6:00</i>	5	6 <i>EHHS Prom</i>
7	8 <i>School Board Meeting @ EVMS 5:30</i>	9 <i>EG/PPE-Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	10 <i>7th Grade Band Festival @ Civic Center</i>	11 <i>EG/PPE-Parent Teacher Conferences</i> <i>End of T2 - EG/PPE</i> <i>MT Youth Sing-Bozeman</i>	12 <i>Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival in Missoula</i>	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward</i> 	15 <i>Early Release 12:30</i> <i>Booster Club Meeting EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	16 <i>1st Grade Spring Program 6:00</i> <i>Radley Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	17 	18 <i>Radley Parent Teacher Conferences</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>4th Grade Spring Program 2:00 & 6:00</i> 	26	27
28 	29 <i>No School~ Spring Break →</i>	30	31			

STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY

In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, and all other pertinent federal, state, and local regulations regarding drug and alcohol abuse in the schools, the East Helena Schools is committed to providing an alcohol/drug-free environment.

East Helena Schools have adopted policies that clearly prohibit the possession, distribution, sale, or use of drugs and alcohol on District properties or during school activities. Following due process and/or any appeal options, sanctions may be imposed as follows:

- Individuals who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution
- Student sanctions may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, HAZING & BULLYING

It is the policy of East Helena Schools (EHPS Policy 3225 & 3226) that bullying, harassment, intimidation, or hazing, by students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, or at any official school bus stop, and that has the effect of:

- physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;
- knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property; or
- creating a hostile educational environment.

Sexual Harassment of students is prohibited (EHPS Policy 3225). Any person, including a District employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or has the purpose or effect of:

- substantially interfering with a student's educational environment;
- creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
- depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or
- making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

Child Abuse Report - When school employees know or have reasonable cause to suspect, as a result of information they receive in their personal or professional capacity, that a child is abused or neglected, they shall report the matter promptly to the Department of Family Services (41-3-201, MCA)

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees for School District No. 9 that no otherwise qualified person shall, solely by reason of his/her disabling condition, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored by this Board. As used in this policy and any implementing regulations, "disabled person" means a person who has, or had, or is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's major life activities and includes specific learning disabilities. The East Helena Public School District seeks out and assists students in accessing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all students living within the school District as outlined in School Board Policy #2040 and #2045.

The Parent Notification Letter and Assurances can be found at: <https://www.ehpsmt.gov/parent-resources/annual-notice>

APRIL 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>LittleLante Screening</i>	3
4	5 <i>School Resumes</i> <i>End of 3rd Quarter</i>	4 0 6 * <i>Montana Day</i>  <i>Pre-District Choir Concert</i> <i>PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00</i>	7	8 <i>Vigilante:Pre-District Concert</i> <i>Solo/Ensemble 6:00</i> <i>Band 7:30</i>	9 <i>District Music Festival</i>	10 <i>District Music Festival</i>
11	12 <i>School Board Meeting</i> <i>EVMS 5:30</i>	13 <i>ACT for Juniors</i>	14 <i>Sophomore Pre-ACT</i>	15 <i>Freshman-Pre-ACT</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Booster Club Meeting</i> <i>EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	20	21 <i>Secretary's Day</i> 	22 <i>Spring Folk Dance</i> <i>EHHS Band Festival @</i> <i>University of Idaho →</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Early Release <u>12:30</u></i>	27	28	29	30 <i>State Music Festival @</i> <i>Great Falls →</i>	

ATTENDANCE POLICY

District Philosophy - The EH School District encourages All Day Every Day attendance. Statistics definitively show that there is a direct relationship between good attendance and academic success. Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after leaving high school. Students are expected to attend school regularly and be on time in order to receive maximum benefit from the district's instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. The District also recognizes the need for parental support for good attendance and will seek assistance with letters and personal contacts.

It is important that students attend school and be punctual. **If a student needs to be absent from school, the parent is requested to call the office before 9:30 am to report the absence for that day.** If parents find it necessary to take students out of school for any reason other than illness, **a written request for the absence should be submitted to the office in advance.** State law aimed at curbing the rising tide of missing children nationwide requires the school to check on any student absence within two to three hours after the absence is noticed. To help implement this law, all five schools attempt to contact the home of an absent student during the day of the absence. The call is an attempt to determine if the student is sick, at the doctor's office, or absent for some other reason. To alleviate the fear of a missing child case, it would greatly assist the schools if you would call the school on the day of your child's absence, and report the reason for the absence. Your assistance in helping the school comply with this law is appreciated. Attendance letters are sent after the 8th, 12th, & 15th day. The County Truancy Prevention Officer and the County Attorney may be contacted to report truancy after the 20th day.

TYPES OF ABSENCES

Excused Absence – Absence caused by illness, an emergency at home, extreme weather conditions, medical (including dental and optometric) treatment, bereavement or any special circumstances approved in advance by the building principal is an excused absence. Students will be given the opportunity to make-up missed work. Students will have two days to make-up missed homework for every day they are absent. Twelve or more excused absences during a school year due to illness may require a doctor's written verification. If proof of illness cannot be verified by a doctor, the absences will be considered unexcused.

Unexcused Absence – There are three types of unexcused absences:

1. Absence from school without the knowledge or permission of the parent (i.e., truancy).
2. Absence caused by reasons other than those listed under the excused absence section of this policy. Parents will be notified that it is unlawful to allow their children to miss school without being excused by the school officials, and such actions by the parents may be reported to family services and the county attorney.
3. Absences for any reason beyond the 20th day of absence during a year will be considered unexcused unless medically necessary as determined by the principal in consultation with the parent and corroborating written documentation from a physician.

A suspension (in-school, out-of-school, or Saturday school) not to exceed five consecutive days may be imposed by the building principal or District Superintendent for any unexcused absence after a due process hearing. Students may be required to appear before the Board of Trustees if truant. **Make-up work may not be accepted or graded if a student missed school due to an unexcused absence.**

MAY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>School Principal's Day</i>
2	3 <i>Staff Appreciation Week→</i>	4 <i>EHHS Band Banquet 6:00</i> <i>PTO Meeting EVMS 6:00</i>	5	6 <i>EHHS Choir Banquet 6:00</i>	7 <i>School Lunch Hero's Day</i>	8
9 	10 <i>School Board Meeting @</i> <i>EVMS 5:30</i>	11	12 <i>National School Nurse Day</i>	13	14	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> 
16	17 <i>EHHS Band POPS Concert</i> <i>7:00</i> <i>Booster Club Meeting</i> <i>EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	18 <i>Vigilante: Choir Carnival</i> <i>4:00; Concert 7:00</i>	19 <i>LittleLantes Program</i> <i>2:00</i> 	20 <i>5th/6th Grade Band</i> <i>Concert 6:00</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>EVMS 7th/8th Grade Band</i> <i>Concert 7:00</i>	25 <i>EVMS 8th Grade & Tiger</i> <i>Choir Concert 6:00</i>	26 <i>Radley's Got Talent Grade</i> <i>Level Shows</i>	27 <i>Radley's All School Revue</i>	28	29
30	31 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> 					

TARDINESS

Tardiness is defined as the failure to be at a specified place at a specified time. Eight tardies will require the student, accompanied by his/her parent/guardian to appear at a hearing with the building principal. After the hearing, the principal may suspend the student or assign other punishment as is determined appropriate. Make-up work will not be accepted for any suspension day due to tardiness.

ABSENCES RELATING TO PROMOTION/GRADUATION

Any student absent twenty or more times from any class or grade level during a school year may be deemed to have not satisfactorily completed the work in that class and may not be given credit for any work beyond the twentieth absence. Absences beyond the 20th day will be unexcused.

SCHOOL AND HOME CORRESPONDENCE

A building representative will telephone the student's parents when a student has been absent for 15 days. A letter from the District Superintendent will be sent home when requested by the building principal.

BOARD HEARING

Students who are in repeated violation of school District attendance policies shall be given at least three days written notice to accompany their parents/guardians to a hearing before the Board of Trustees. The parents will be notified by certified mail. The Board of Trustees may suspend, expel or assign other appropriate punishment as they determine based on the hearing. If the student and his/her parents/guardians fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may act in the student's absence. Unless specifically authorized by the Board, no make-up work will be allowed if the student is suspended as a result of the hearing.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

For BUS SCHEDULES and BUS DISCIPLINE matters contact:

Kirk Hedrick Transportation Supervisor 406 -475-4570 khedrick@ehps.k12.mt.us

An eligible bus student is a public-school pupil who resides at least 3 miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public elementary school or public high school, whichever the case may be. (School Laws of Montana; 20-10-101) Students will not be allowed to board or depart from any bus other than at their assigned time and stop unless pre-approved by the Transportation Supervisor.

A parent of a student(s), who resides 3 miles or more (over the shortest practical route) from the nearest school, is eligible for transportation reimbursement if that student(s) must be individually transported to or from school or the nearest bus stop. The student must meet the definition of an "eligible transportee" as in School Laws of Montana 20-10-101(2) Transportation reimbursement will be computed according to state statute 20-10-142, MCA. Parents of students who are eligible for individual transportation reimbursement must complete an individual transportation contract. Contracts for the ensuing school year shall be completed by the fourth Monday in June. (20-10-124(2), MCA) Contract forms can be obtained at kindergarten screening in June, at the Central Office or by calling 406-227-7700.

JUNE 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Last Day for Eastgate</i>	3 <i>Kindergarten Screener</i>	4 <i>Kindergarten Screener</i> <i>EHHS Graduation!</i> <i>Class of 2027</i>	5
6	7	8 <i>Last Day of School</i> <i>Early Release 1:30</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>School Board Meeting</i> <i>@ EHHS 5:30</i>	15	16	17	18	19 
20 	21 <i>Booster Club Meeting</i> <i>EHHS @ 6:30pm</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2027

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>School Board Meeting</i> EHHS 5:30	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Booster Club Meeting</i> EHHS @ 6:30pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

DISRUPTIVE STUDENT POLICY

Serious Offenses Resulting in Office Referral

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| 1. Open defiance of a serious nature as determined by the building principal | 5. Physical Assaults or Threats |
| 2. Vandalism of a serious nature as determined by the building principal | 6. Sexual Harassment |
| 3. Extortion and/or intimidation | 7. Substance abuse |
| 4. Weapons/Theft | |

Chronic violations of expected student behaviors to include detentions, office referrals, unexcused absence, unexcused tardies, classroom disturbance, or any other discipline concern. Three violations in a two-week period would be considered chronic.

Consequences of Office Referral

First Offense: Students shall be suspended for 1 to 2 days out-of-school suspension, as determined appropriate by the building principal. Only when parents can't be reached shall in-school suspension be used. The student shall be re-admitted only after the student, parent, homeroom teacher, and principal have met to establish behavioral expectations. All make-up work must be submitted to the teacher before they will be re-admitted.

Second Offense: Three days of out-of-school suspension shall be assigned by the building principal. All students will be re-admitted only after the student, parent, homeroom teacher, and principal have met to establish behavioral expectations. All make-up work must be submitted to the teacher before the student will be readmitted. The Superintendent shall be informed in writing of all students reaching this level.

Third Offense: Five days of out-of-school suspension. The student, parent, principal, and Superintendent shall be informed that one more serious offense will result in a meeting with the School Board. All make-up work must be submitted to the principal before the student shall be readmitted.

Fourth Offense: Out-of-school suspension until student and parent meet with the School Board. Possible penalties could be long term academic suspension or expulsion. Long term suspension might run from 10 to 20 school days. Parents can receive a student's work from the office each Friday. Successful completion of work would be required for re-entry. Any further violation would lead to another meeting with the Board for expulsion.

High School Policies May Vary

SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

The driver has total responsibility for the children on his/her bus. Students will comply promptly and respectfully with the driver's direction. The safe and orderly operation of the district's school buses depends to a large degree on the behavior and attitudes of the students riding the buses. Since the driver must concentrate his/her efforts on maintaining control of the bus in varying weather conditions, the District has adopted the following rules to help ensure safe driving and riding conditions. Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. State law does not require school districts to provide student transportation to-and-from school. Once a student boards the bus, and only at that time, does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that the Board of Trustees and administration consider a school bus to be an extension of the classroom, students shall conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. In cases when a student does not conduct themselves properly on the bus, such instances are brought to the attention of the Transportation Supervisor by the bus driver.

STUDENTS ARE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- Follow directions of the bus driver and paraprofessional. Be respectful
- Keep hands, feet, and other objects to themselves
- Do not throw anything inside the bus or out of the window.
- Remain seated, facing forward, keeping the aisle clear until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Keep a low noise level
- Refrain from eating or drinking while riding the bus
- When the driver has flashing Red lights on, the students should go at least 10 feet in front of the bus before attempting to cross the street.
- Look both ways, then cross the street.
- Cell phones must be operated on silent, or with headphones or earbuds. NO open speakers.

The following offenses are considered severe, and may result in an automatic suspension of or expulsion from riding privileges:

- Direct defiance of the driver or paraprofessional
- Striking or offensive touching
- Swearing or offensive language
- Vandalism
- Any use of tobacco, eCigarettes, alcohol, and/or illegal drugs
- Obscene gestures
- Sexual harassment
- Any other behavior disrupting the safe operation of the bus

The driver may return directly to the student's school or the district's administration office if a student(s) commits a severe offense during the afternoon bus run. Students who become a disciplinary problem on the bus may be suspended from riding the bus by the transportation supervisor and/or building principal.

BUS SCHEDULES

Routes shall not be changed without consent of the transportation supervisor. Kirk Hedrick khedrick@ehps.k12.mt.us

Times are approximate. Please have students at Bus Stops 5 to 10 minutes early

Times may vary slightly due to road conditions. Please watch the website for changes/additions to the routes! Times will be adjusted as necessary.

	Route1 AM		Route 1 PM		Route 2 AM		Route 2 PM
7:15	Jimtown Road	3:15	Eastgate	7:15	Magpie	3:10	Eastgate
7:17	7435 York Rd	3:20	EVMS	7:20	Water Dance	3:15	EVMS
7:19	York Bar	3:26	Radley	7:21	Painted Pony	3:20	Radley
7:28	Autumn Winds Ct	3:29	Prickly Pear	7:23	Dam Bar	3:25	Prickly Pear
7:31	Lake Side Store	3:35	EHHS	7:26	Yacht Basin	3:30	EHHS
7:34	Deal Lane	3:45	4605 York	7:30	Eagle Bay Drive	3:45	5412 CFR
7:36	Hart Lane	3:47	Hart Lane	7:32	Vince's Ct	3:45	5414 CFR
7:38	4605 York Rd	3:49	Deal Lane	7:34	Shawn Dr	3:46	5420 CFR
7:48	EVMS	3:52	Lakeside Store	7:35	Ogle View	3:48	Ogle View
7:55	EHHS	3:55	Autumn Winds Ct	7:36	5412 CFR	3:49	Shawn Drive
8:00	Radley	4:04	Jimtown Road	7:37	5414 CFR	3:50	Vince's Ct
8:02	Prickly Pear	4:05	7435 York Rd	7:37	5420 CFR	3:51	Eagle Bay Dr
8:08	Eastgate	4:06	York Bar	7:45	EHHS	3:53	Yacht Basin
				7:55	EVMS	3:59	Dam Bar
				8:05	Radley	4:00	Painted Pony
				8:08	Prickly Pear	4:00	Water Dance
				8:12	Eastgate	4:05	Magpie

BUS SCHEDULES Continued

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	Route 3 AM		Route 3 PM			Route 4 AM		Route 4 PM
7:24	Kier/Elkhorn	3:10	Prickly Pear		7:24	Drake/ Spokane Creek Rd	3:10	Prickly Pear
7:25	Saffron Lane	3:18	Radley		7:25	2844 Spokane Creek Rd	3:18	Radley
7:26	Kier/Kraut Lane	3:28	Eastgate		7:25	Pine Cone/Spokane Creek	3:25	Eastgate
7:27	3562 Kier Dr	3:32	EVMS		7:25	2778 Spokane Creek Rd	3:30	EVMS
7:28	KT Lane	3:40	EHHS		7:26	Mitchell Gulch	3:40	EHHS
7:29	Meadow Lane	3:43	Grandview		7:27	2460 Spokane Creek Rd	3:55	Drake/Spokane Creek Rd
7:33	Tiber Ct	3:44	Lanning		7:28	Spokane Ranch/Spokane CR	3:55	2844 Spokane Creek Rd
7:34	Step Toe	3:45	Morello Rd		7:30	3D Road/Spokane Creek	3:56	Pine Cone/Spokane CR
7:35	Needle Ct	3:51	Tiber Ct		7:32	Harvest Loop/Spokane Creek	3:56	2778 Spokane Creek Rd
7:38	CFR/Wheatland	3:51	Step Toe		7:37	Radley	3:57	Mitchell Gulch
7:43	Morello Rd./Valley Dr	3:52	Needle Ct		7:47	Prickly Pear	3:58	2460 Spokane Creek Rd
7:44	Lanning Rd./Valley Dr	3:56	Kier/Elkhorn		7:52	EHHS	4:00	Spokane Ranch/SCR
7:45	Grandview/Valley	3:57	Saffron		7:58	EVMS	4:02	3D/ Spokane Creek Rd
7:47	EHHS	3:58	Kier/Kraut Lane		8:05	Eastgate	4:04	Harvest Loop/SCR
7:49	Radley	3:58	3562 Kier				4:08	5020 US Hwy 12 E.
7:51	Prickly Pear	3:59	KT Lane					
7:55	EVMS	4:00	Meadow Lane					
8:06	Eastgate	4:05	CFR/Wheatland					

BUS SCHEDULES Continued

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	Route 5 AM		Route 5 PM		Route 6 AM		Route 6 PM
7:30	3120 Holmberg	3:10	Eastgate	7:22	Alpine View/Berwin	3:13	Radley
7:30	3140 Holmberg	3:15	EVMS	7:24	Twilight/Runkle	3:17	Prickly Pear
7:31	Hines/Argenta	3:20	Prickly Pear	7:32	MVM Park (Alice St)	3:20	Eastgate
7:33	4212 Stillwell	3:25	Radley	7:34	Helen P. Clark/Alice St	3:30	EVMS
7:34	3280 Strom	3:35	EHHS	7:45	Radley	3:35	EHHS
7:34	3216 Strom	3:55	Holmberg Mailboxes	7:50	Prickly Pear	3:48	Alpine View/Berwin
7:35	3133 Strom	3:56	3120 Holmberg	7:55	EHHS	3:50	Twilight/Runkle
7:35	3147 Strom	3:57	3140 Holmberg	8:05	EVMS	3:55	MVM Park (Alice St)
7:36	Kendall/Strom	3:58	Hines/Argenta	8:10	Eastgate	3:56	Helen P. Clark/Alice St
7:36	Stillwell/Kendall	3:59	4212 Stillwell				
7:38	3174 Stillwell	4:00	3280 Strom				
7:43	3191 Stillwell	4:01	3216 Strom				
7:44	Argenta/Iverson	4:01	3133 Strom				
7:49	EVMS	4:02	3147 Strom				
7:53	Radley	4:02	Kendall/Strom				
7:56	Prickly Pear	4:03	Stillwell/Kendall				
8:00	EHHS	4:03	3146 Stillwell				
8:08	Eastgate	4:04	3191 Stillwell				
		4:05	Argenta/Iverson				

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	Route 7AM		Route 7 PM			Route 8 AM		Route 8 PM
7:15	Heron Creek	3:12	Radley		7:24	Boundary/Lake Helena	3:10	Prickly Pear
7:25	Ranger Drive	3:15	Prickly Pear		7:26	Lake Helena/Swan	3:15	Radley
7:40	Pele Park	3:20	EHHS		7:27	Monarch/Vermillion	3:20	EHHS
7:42	East View	3:25	Eastgate		7:28	Vermillion/Musselshell	3:30	EVMS
7:43	Elk View	3:35	EVMS		7:29	Musselshell/Highwood	3:40	Eastgate
7:47	EHHS	3:40	Pele Park		7:34	Holmberg/Berkshire	3:50	Boundary/Lake Helena
7:52	Radley	3:43	East View		7:35	/Berkshire/Ranger	3:51	Lake Helena/Swan
7:54	Prickly Pear	3:43	Elk View		7:45	EHHS	3:52	Monarch/Vermillion
8:00	EVMS	4:08	Ranger Drive		7:50	EVMS	3:52	Vermillion/Musselshell
8:08	Eastgate	4:18	Heron Creek		7:55	Eastgate	3:54	Musselshell/Highwood
					8:10	Radley	3:55	Holmberg/Berkshire
					8:15	Prickly Pear	3:55	Berkshire/Ranger
							3:56	Highfield/Ranger

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	Route 9 AM		Route 9 PM		Route 10 AM		Route 10 PM
7:14	McClellan	3:10	Eastgate	7:17	SCR/Spokane Ranch	3:11	Radley
7:19	1800 Spokane Creek	3:17	EVMS	7:30	Peaks/War Eagle	3:14	Prickly Pear
7:20	Matt Staff/Mailboxes	3:22	Radley	7:32	Eloise Cobell/Jeanette Rankin	3:20	EHHS
7:22	SCR/Johnson Road	3:26	Prickly Pear	7:36	Pele Park	3:28	EVMS
7:24	SCR/Pine Cone Rd	3:30	EHHS	7:42	EHHS	3:25	Eastgate
7:28	SCR/Gindale	3:33	Trerise	7:45	Radley	3:35	Peaks/War Eagle
7:35	3796 Meadowlark	3:37	3796 Meadowlark Rd	7:49	Prickly Pear	3:37	Eloise Cobell/Jeanette Rankin
7:37	3777 Meadowlark	3:39	3777 Meadowlark	7:53	EVMS	3:43	Pele Park
7:38	Meadowlark/Skylark	3:40	Meadowlark/Skylark	8:00	Eastgate	3:56	SCR/Spokane Ranch
7:39	Meadowlark/Dove	3:41	Meadowlark/Dove				
7:41	Trerise	3:47	McClellan				
7:43	EHHS	3:52	1800 Spokane Creek				
7:48	Radley	3:54	Matt Staff/Mailboxes				
7:50	PPE	3:56	SCR/Johnson Road				
7:55	EVMS	3:58	SCR/Pine Cone Rd				
8:00	Eastgate	4:00	SCR/Gindale				

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CODE

Students shall not wear clothing that is counterproductive to curriculum goals (e.g. the nature and harmful effects of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco) and/or is disruptive to the learning process.

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring friends or relatives to school as visitors, unless they receive prior approval from the building principal.

HOMEWORK

Parents should contact the school by 8:30am to request homework if their child has been absent two or more days. Homework may be picked up between 2:30 pm and 3:30pm.

LIBRARY

Students in grades K-12 will receive library skill instruction. We have a self-checkout system that relies on the honor of the students. If a book is lost or damaged, it is the student and parent responsibility to pay for it. We no longer let students trade books. Magazines and newspapers are also available for student use.

VANDALISM

When a student defaces or damages school property, his/her parent/guardian shall be liable for the cost of repairs or replacement (20-5-201, MCA)

STUDENT RECORDS

Student Records:

Student record information is governed by laws throughout our country that require publication of practices in the school district. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act guarantees that students and parents have the right to know what student information is available and who can access student record information.

Parents have the right to inspect and review student records throughout the year. You simply must make a written request at the office of the building in which your child attends for the records you wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access to the records at a time and place where the records may be inspected. Records will stay in plain sight of office personnel at all times during the inspection by a parent. Records will not be released to an individual and all requests for copies require payment of \$0.15 per page to reimburse the District for costs.

Parents have the right to submit a request to amend the records by submitting a letter to the building principal requesting the change and the reason (inaccurate, misleading, irrelevant, improper) for the request. The request will be reviewed and the final decision for amending the records for cause will lie with the building principal. The school will notify the parent or guardian of the result of their request and inform them of their right to appeal the decision.

School officials will have the right to review educational records as necessary for the efficient running of the school. A school official is any person that is employed by School District #9 and functions as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support personnel such as school nurse, paraprofessional, secretary; a person serving on the School Board; a person or employee with whom the District is contracting services such as a therapist; local law enforcement personnel acting within the scope of their duties; or a parent serving on a committee that is assisting the school district.

School Officials make student directory information available because by definition it is generally considered to be harmless and not an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This information includes such items as student name, parent name, address, phone number, field of study, height and weight of athletes, most recent school attended, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance and degrees or awards.

If for any reason these rights are not satisfactory to you as a parent of a minor child, please contact the school. Parents have the right to file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office in the Department of Education if these guidelines are not followed. Parents and Student Notice of Legal Rights
<https://www.ehpsmt.gov/>

Title I Services

The East Helena Schools offers Title I, Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children. These programs, activities, and procedures are described in the District – School Parental Involvement Compact. The Compact contains: (1) the District’s expectations for parental involvement, (2) specific strategies for effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, and (3) other provisions as required by federal law. (Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §6301-6514) This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State’s high standards.

The East Helena Schools offers Title I Summer School and before & after school tutoring for students who qualify for the Title I program. The School District salary schedules and teacher qualifications information which is required to be disclosed is also available upon request at the offices of the schools or at the Superintendent’s Office.

The District report card is available on-line at the OPI Website located at: gems.opi.mt.gov and is available in print upon request. Complaint forms for Title program services are available at the District Office or in the State and Federal Grants Handbook.

EASTGATE Grades Pre K-K Student Hours: 8:20-3:10	PRICKLY PEAR Grades 1-2 Student Hours: 8:15-3:10	RADLEY Grades 3-5 Student Hours: 8:10 -3:15	EVMS Grades 6-8 Student Hours: 8:10 -3:10	EAST HELENA HIGH Grades 9-12 Student Hours: 8:25-3:25
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More Activities and Schedules can be found on our website: ehpsmt.gov and Facebook!

*******East Helena Food Service is Hiring*******

****No Holidays, No Nights, No Weekends***

****Be home when your kids are home!***

****Summers off!***

****Earn Vacation and Sick Pay, Insurance is available.***

Contact Michelle Olds:molds@ehps.k12.mt.us

Or Call 406-227-7700

******SUBSTITUTE OPPORTUNITY******

You may have always thought about being a teacher, but you just weren't sure that teaching would be the right career for you. One way to find out is to work as a substitute teacher. East Helena Schools is currently accepting applications for substitutes, not only for teachers, but also for paraprofessionals, custodians, kitchen workers, and bus drivers.

Subs in the East Helena School District have the benefit of a flexible schedule, the opportunity to work as much or as little as they want, and the gratification of helping our children receive a quality education. Substitutes have a tremendous impact on our education program and the staff and administration are committed to helping substitutes gain experience.

Your skills and qualifications will be a great asset to the children of our District whether you sub as a teacher, paraprofessional, custodian, kitchen worker or bus driver. We need your expertise in all of these positions.

To apply for a substitute position with East Helena Schools or to receive more information, contact the Administration Office at 406-227-7700 or apply online at: ehpsmt.gov