East Helena High School

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"Success For All"

To: East Helena School Board

From: Shaun Murgel

Subject: 08/10/2026

Activities: We are finishing up with summer and will get ready for our Fall season starting with our Fall Parent Night on 8/11/2026 at the high school. We are excited to see how all of our new coaches do as we start the Fall Season with 5 new head coaches. All of our coaches are excited to get started after putting in a lot of hard work this summer working with our kids.

The golf team will be the first group to start off the season as they have tryouts starting on 8/13/2026 at Fox Ridge and the first golf tournament on Monday 8/17 in Butte. All other Fall Teams start practice on 8/14/2026.

Transportation: Kirk, our Transportation Supervisor, has been very active this summer on trying to recruit more drivers. We have had buses parked at some key locations in East Helena advertising for new bus drivers. We have a lot of activities and it takes a lot of people to run our bus routes and cover Activity trips as well. We appreciate all of Kirk's hard work to try and get more drivers.

Kirk Hedrick khedrick@ehps.k12.mt.us Transportation Supervisor Contact

https://ehhs.ehpsmt.gov/ehhs-athletics-activities/athletics-updates/sports

District Website link:

https://www.ehpsmt.gov/

AD Newsletter link:

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

Facilities: Our summer crews have been working hard all summer to make sure that our educational staff is able to come back to a clean building and be ready to start teaching all of our students. The gym floors are all freshly refinished and we are excited to open our doors for our East Helena community this fall.

Facility Use Schedule Link and my email:

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

smurgel@ehps.k12.mt.us.

Thanks

Shaun Murgel

Activity	Hotel Costs	General Fund Side	Student Fund Side	Booster Club	Total for activity	Students	Stipends	$ Per Student
Volleyball 2026	$3,166.20	5200	11138.24	3400	$22,904.44	32	3	716
Football 2025	$0.00	11000	7452.9		$18,452.90	82	4	225
Golf 2025	$1,823.96	3509	1117.87		$6,450.83	16	2	403
Boys Soccer 2025	0	1350	2447.56	800	4597.56	14	1	328
Girls Soccer 2025	0	1400	1647.56	800	3847.56	13	2	296
Cross Country 2025	1840	2300	427		4567	18	2	254
Speech and Debate 2026	7984	2800	2051.49		12835.49	34	2	378
Wrestling 2026	17480.76	4600	4603.73		26684.49	36	4	741
Girls Basketball 2026	3024.44	2100	5247.24		10371.68	23	3	451
Boys Basketball 2026	3024.44	2100	5247.24		10371.68	26	3	399
Swimming 2026	2159.2	1100	2145		5404.2	8	1	676
Track 2026	1400	3700	8747		13847	65	4	213
Softball 2026	0	2600	3848.35		6448.35	19	3	339
Baseball 2026	0	3000	3644.92		6644.92	24	3	277
Tennis 2026	6636.78	2500	1220		10356.78	25	2	414
Flag Football	1200	2000	1503		4703	24	2	196

YEAR	FALL ACTIVITIES			WINTER ACTIVITIES			SPRING ACTIVITES		
	XC	VB	GOLF	WR	BASKETBALL	FORENSICS	TR	SB - NE/SE	TN - NE/SE
19-20	~~BC~~	~~Havre~~	~~Sidney~~	~~Fergus~~	~~BC~~	~~MC~~	n/a	n/a	n/a
20-21	~~Fergus~~	Hardin	~~BC~~	~~Sidney~~	~~BC/Lockwood~~	~~BC - virtual~~	~~Glendive~~	~~Havre/Park~~	~~Fergus/Hardin~~
21-22	~~Hardin~~	~~Laurel~~	~~Havre Sidney~~	~~Laurel~~	~~BC/Lockwood~~	~~Havre~~	Lockwood	MC/Hardin	Glendive/Park
22-23	Sidney	Sidney	Park	Havre	BC/Lockwood	Park	Sidney	Glendive/LW	Fergus/BC
23-24	Park	Lockwood	MC	Hardin	BC/Lockwood	Sidney	Lockwood	Fergus/Laurel	Glendive/Hardin
24-25	Havre	Fergus	Laurel	Glendive	BC/Lockwood	Hardin	Glendive	Sidney/BC	Fergus/Park
25-26	BC	Park	Sidney	Lockwood	BC/Lockwood	MC	Laurel	MC/Hardin	Glendive/BC
26-27	Fergus	MC	BC	MC	BC/Lockwood	Laurel	Sidney	Havre/Park	Fergus/Hardin
27-28	Hardin	Laurel	Havre	Park	BC/Lockwood	BC	Lockwood	Fergus/Laurel	Glendive/Park
	add East Helena Glendive Miles City	add East Helena Glendive	remove Park Miles City add East Helena	add East Helena Glendive		remove Hardin add East Helena BC/Lockwood	add East Helena	add for super BC/Lockwood Miles City Fergus	add East Helena

UPDATED 2022 **This is the most up to date one.**

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~~23-24~~	~~Park~~	~~Lockwood~~	~~Sidney~~	~~Hardin~~	~~BC/Lockwood~~	~~Sidney~~	~~Laurel~~	~~Fergus/Glendive-NE Park-SE~~	
~~24-25~~	~~Glendive~~	~~Fergus~~	~~Laurel~~	~~Glendive~~	~~BC/Lockwood~~	~~East Helena~~	~~Glendive~~	~~Laurel~~	
25-26	BC	East Helena	Havre	Lockwood	BC/Lockwood	MC	East Helena	Dawson SB	
26-27	Havre	Glendive	East Helena	MC	BC/Lockwood	Laurel	Sidney	Hardin	
27-28	East Helena	Park	Havre	Park	BC/Lockwood	BC/LOCKWOOD	Lockwood	Sidney	
28-29	MC	MC	BC	Fergus	BC/Lockwood	Havre	Glendive	BC	
29-30	Hardin	Hardin	Sidney	East Helena	BC/Lockwood	Park	Laurel	MC	
30-31	Sidney	Havre	East Helena	Sidney	BC/Lockwood	Sidney	Sidney	Lockwood	

Dan Rispens <drispens@ehps.k12.mt.us>

San Fransico Trip Documents

1 message

Cole Bass <cbass@ehps.k12.mt.us> Mon, Jun 8, 2026 at 8:52 AM
To: Dan Rispens <drispens@ehps.k12.mt.us>

Dan,

Below are the supporting documents for the 2027 Band Trip to San Francisco (occurring over spring break). Please let me know if you have any specific questions or concerns right away. I'll be available for comment on the day of the board meeting, if needed.

Pricing: Currently, the trip is under $2000 per traveler (closer to $1900), lower than the last two trips EHHS Bands have taken!

Please let me know if you or the board have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Cole Bass (he/him)
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Educational Discovery Tours

San Francisco 2027

East Helena High School

DAY 1 **3/31**	• **Board your flight** for **San Francisco!** • Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of **San Francisco!** • Take a ride on an iconic **San Francisco Cable Car** • Enjoy an included dinner in **Chinatown**
DAY 2 **4/1**	• **Breakfast** at your hotel • Participate in a music clinic at a local college or University • Take the ferry to **Alcatraz Island** • Enjoy time at **Pier 39** with free time to shop, play, dine, and enjoy the wharf, including watching the famous Sea Lions. • **Dinner** on your own provided as a debit card.
DAY 3 **4/2**	• **Breakfast** at your hotel • Visit **Six Flags** theme park • Opportunity for a public performance at **Six Flags** • **Dinner** on your own with a provided meal voucher in the park
DAY 4 **4/3**	• **Breakfast** at your hotel • After breakfast, enjoy more touring of the city - possible sights include **Coit Tower, Ghirardelli Square and Lombard Street, and Golden Gate Park. Perform** at **Golden Gate Park or Pier 39.** • **Dinner at a local restaurant.** • This evening, enjoy a concert with the **San Francisco Symphony or other visiting ensemble.**
DAY 5 **4/4**	• **Breakfast** at your hotel • **Depending on flight schedules, enjoy some more sightseeing in San Francisco – Fisherman's Wharf and the Maritime National Historical Park** • Board your flight home, but everyone always leaves their heart in **San Francisco!**

Included in your fully-customized tour:

- Round-trip Airfare from Bozeman, MT
- Breakfast at your hotel and dinner each day per the itinerary
- Services of a full-time, dedicated EDT Trip Leader
- Private motorcoaches just for your school
- All entrances and tickets per itinerary
- Hotel, restaurant, bus driver gratuities

**This is a sample itinerary only. Exact activities and order of events may vary. Performances are subject to availability and acceptance.*

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MORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Rural Behavioral Health Institute (RBHI)

AND

East Helena Public Schools

The entities listed above may collectively be referred to as the parties to this MOU.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to document a framework of cooperation to implement digital suicide risk/mental health screening among students in the **East Helena Public Schools** in accordance with this MOU.

Background

The Montana youth suicide rate has been steadily increasing for over a decade, indicating that current programming is not adequately addressing this devastating public health problem. RBHI's Screening Linked to Care (SLTC) is an evidence-informed program to reduce suicidality and improve mental health outcomes among school-aged youth. SLTC has 3 components:

1. Universal screening for suicide risk and suicide risk factors (depression/anxiety) using
    a. eC-SSRS: electronic Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, suicide risk
    b. PHQ-A: Patient Health Questionnaire 9-items for Adolescents, depression symptoms
    c. GAD-7: General Anxiety Disorder scale 7-items, anxiety symptoms
2. Same-day safety check-ins for students who report recent suicidality. Recent suicidality is defined as past-month suicidal ideation with an intention to die/plan to die, past 3-month behavior(s) (attempt, aborted attempt, interrupted attempt, or preparatory activities).
3. Care navigation for families of eligible students. Eligibility is defined as students with a history of suicidality (recent or lifetime), moderately severe/severe depression symptoms (PHQ-A score of 15 or higher), severe anxiety symptoms (GAD-7 score of 15 or higher), or any who request help finding appropriate services/care.

RBHI collaborates with schools to adapt SLTC to fit their individual needs. Students with parental consent complete the screener on school computers, tablets, or their personal smartphones. Students reporting recent suicidality have elevated risk of suicide and receive a safety check-in with brief intervention (safety plan) at the school the same day as screening. The safety check-in is delivered either by a school-based mental health professional or virtually by an RBHI licensed mental health provider. Same-day, free screening with check-ins ensure those students needing mental health support receive it without barriers of cost, scheduling, or travel common in rural regions.

Purpose

This MOU will support:

- Training of school staff to implement the SLTC program.
- Planning for each step of the SLTC program and ensuring care pathways are in place before screening commences.
- Implementation of universal screening of students
- Same-day check-in visits for students with elevated suicide risk
- Care navigation services for students with mental health concerns.

Data sharing with schools and families.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

Rural Behavioral Health Institute agrees to provide the following pro-bono:

- Secure access to the MARS digital screener via MERET Solutions, LLC, for all students the school wishes to screen and involved school staff.
- Secure access to the MARS same-day care dashboard for school-based mental health professionals performing same-day check-ins.
- The following assistance to schools:
    - Information for students and parents about screening (e.g., parental consent forms and information packets)
    - Training in SLTC delivery
    - Screening logistical support including a protocol to connect at-risk students to same-day care.
    - Scheduling of RBHI therapists for same-day care, if needed
    - Sharing of all results and analyses, with interpretation of results, if needed.

East Helena Public Schools agrees to provide the following:

- Assistance with getting school board approval to implement screening, if desired
- Administrative support for sending information packets and consent forms to parents.
- Location for informational meetings for parents/guardians (on-site or virtual)
- At least one staff member to administer the screening.
- A contact person at the school who will receive screening results, contact parents of students identified with high risk of suicide, and connect at-risk students with predetermined mental health personnel.
- Internet-connected devices for the screening (computer, tablet, or smartphone) and
- Administrative support for informing parents of their child's results.

Modifications

Modifications within the scope of this MOU shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.

Reporting
Both parties should review the adherence to the agreement at least annually. If either party identifies a breach of this MOU, they should contact the other party and mutually determine a timeline for the completion of the agreed tasks.

Data Ownership
Schools will own all screening data collected via the MERET screening platform, MARS. MERET and RBHI will not sell or otherwise make available schools' data to third parties. In the event MERET wishes to carry out and make public any analyses of schools' data, it will secure written consent to do so from each school and will not reveal the source of the data to be from a school unless permission from the school is obtained. With the school's written permission (see Data Sharing Agreement), RBHI will use grouped data from participating schools in oral and written presentations about the program and in confidential grant progress reports as required by the funding agencies supporting SLTC. At no time will data from individual students be shared. The schools will have the right to review all data prior to its sharing.

Confidential Information – All information, data, screening results, student's identifying information, student treatment records, same-day safety check-in notes, school file notations and all other information, whether written or oral, arising from the SLTC program and the services to be provided by an RBHI-contracted therapist shall be confidential and shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this MOU during the term of this MOU and following expiration or termination of this MOU, in accordance with State and Federal law.

Funding
This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor or transfer of anything of value involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties to this MOU will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures.

Duration
This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from the **Rural Behavioral Health Institute** and **East Helena Public Schools** . This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the **Rural Behavioral Health Institute** and **the East Helena Public Schools** and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from **Rural Behavioral Health Institute** and **East Helena Public Schools** this MOU shall end on 6/30/2027.

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In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written below:

_____ Date: _____
Kayleigh Brown
Rural Behavioral Health Institute
Chief Operating Officer

_____ Date: _____
Name: Scott Walter
East Helena Public Schools

Title: Board Chairman