

GFPS August Summer Institute - Location: Great Falls High School South Campus
Enter at doors at the corner of 5th Ave South and 18th Street

** Indicates the same session offered multiple times in either June or August*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

Session Time	SC 106 (40)	SC 105 (30)	SC 206 (25)	SC 202 (25)	SC 203 (25)	SC 205 (25)	SC 201 (25)	SC 204 (25)	SC 102 (25)	SC 104 (25)	SC 108 (25)	SC 109 (25)	SC 101 (25)	GFH Main Campus H240 (The Hub)	GFH Main Campus Room 208
8:00-9:55	Gr PK-6 Classroom Culture (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Arika Hagel, Courtney Francetich, Miranda Murray, Ashley Adkins)	Lexia Core5 Classroom Implementation Plan, Establish Routines for Independent Use, Celebration Plan	Customizing and Creating Lessons in Amplify Desmos Classroom (Kurt Shepherd)	Amp up Engagement with Cyanotype (Rikka Walters)	*Best Practices for Formal Grading in PowerSchool for K-6 (Shannon Watson, Katie McCluey)	Launch, Monitor, and Connect: Amplifying the Inquiry Process in ADM (Grades 3-5) (Kristin DeHaan, Melissa Roullier)	Hands-on, Messy, Sneaky, Collaborative Learning at its Finest (Amanda Tramill, Amanda Blair)	*De-escalation Strategies (Nicole Heintzelman, Lacey Lewis)	*EdReady MT Math for Intervention (Virg Hale)	Journey to the Amazon (Sandy Harrington)	LETRS VOL 1 (Enrolled Only) (LETRS Trainer)	LETRS VOL 2 (Enrolled Only) (LETRS Trainer)	Explicit Direct Instruction Best Practices for Grades K-5 (Carnegie Learning)	Elementary Counselors Curriculum Pilot Training (Dana Freshly, Cameo Mitchell, Heather Mills)	Gr 7-12 Classroom Management (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Ashley Morran, Anne Schmidt, Beckie Frisbee)
10:05-12:00	Gr PK-6 Classroom Routines & Procedures (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Arika Hagel, Courtney Francetich, Miranda Murray, Ashley Adkins)	Lexia Core5 5-minute Check-In, Comparing Core5 Usage & Progress, Motivating & Empowering Students			*Best Practices for Formal Grading in PowerSchool for K-6 (Shannon Watson, Katie McCluey)	Performance Matters: Assessment & Data Analysis (Amanda Kohut)		*De-escalation Strategies (Nicole Heintzelman, Lacey Lewis)	*EdReady MT Math for Intervention (Virg Hale)				Shifting the Spotlight: Student Led Learning Through Socratic Circles (Carnegie Learning)		
LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 PM (Food Trucks Available)															
1:00-3:00	PK-6 Classroom Management - Putting It All Together (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Arika Hagel, Courtney Francetich, Miranda Murray, Ashley Adkins)	Lexia Core5 Effectively Delivering Core5 Lexia Lessons & Skill Builders, Instructional Grouping with Core5 Data	Customizing and Creating Lessons in Amplify Desmos Classroom (Kurt Shepherd)	Amp up Engagement with Cyanotype (Rikka Walters)	VR's and Eduverse (Stephanie Benson)	GFPS Mentor Training (Dannelle Dyke, Ty Moore, Shanda Brown)	Hands-on, Messy, Sneaky, Collaborative Learning at its Finest (Amanda Tramill, Amanda Blair)		Edgenuity for On-line School (Amanda Kohut)	Journey to the Amazon (Sandy Harrington)	LETRS VOL 1 (Enrolled Only) (LETRS Trainer)	LETRS VOL 2 (Enrolled Only) (LETRS Trainer)	Student Talk: From Dead Air to Discourse (Carnegie Learning)		Gr 7-12 Classroom Management (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Ashley Morran, Anne Schmidt, Beckie Frisbee)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

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8:00-11:00	AI Foundations: Establishing Professional Practice and Responsible Use (Caitlyn Byers, Frontier Learning Lab)	New Elementary SPED Teachers (Kirsten Conrad, Jacinda Huscher)	*Amplify Desmos Math Dashboard Basics (Kurt Shepherd)	Year 2 Teaching: From Surviving to Thriving (Ty Moore)	*Integrating Music into Early Literacy to Strengthen Reading and Language Development (Kara Bell, Kodey Hansen)	Teaching Writing to Deepen Understanding (Sandy Harrington)	*Using Your Classroom Devices – Chromebooks (Rebekah Strausheim)	*Leveraging Foundation Grants for Student and Teacher Learning (Michelle Noriega, Katelyn Marski)	Initial set up with SAVVAS - 9-12 Only (SAVVAS)	Gr K-2 Knowing Your Curriculum - Math & Science (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Courtney Francetich, Miranda Murray)	Gr 3-6 Knowing Your Curriculum - ELA & Social Studies (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Arika Hagel, Ashley Adkins)	*Classroom Support for ELL Students: Practical Strategies & Spanish Phrases (Annie Poole, Denise Kingsley)	*Using Differentiation Supports in Amplify Desmos Math (Amplify Desmos Trainer)
LUNCH 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Food Trucks Available)													
12:00-3:00	Next Steps with AI: Instructional Differentiation and Implementation (Caitlyn Byers, Frontier Learning Lab)	New Elementary SPED Teachers (Kirsten Conrad, Jacinda Huscher)	*Amplify Desmos Math Dashboard Advanced (Kurt Shepherd)	Empowered Conversations: Negotiation & Tactical Empathy for Educators (Ty Moore)	*Best Practices for Facilitating Reading Comprehension Grades 3-5 (Bryanna Carr, Courtney Wolery)	*Click, Create, Conquer with Canva (Amanda Kohut)	*Using Your Classroom Devices – Prometheans (Rebekah Strausheim)	Teaching Math with Savvas (Gr 7-12) (Dave Killian)	Initial set up with SAVVAS - 7-8 Only (SAVVAS)	Gr K-2 Knowing Your Curriculum - ELA & Social Studies (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Arika Hagel, Ashley Adkins)	Gr 3-6 Knowing Your Curriculum - Math & Science (REQUIRED FOR NEW TEACHERS) (Rachel Cutler, Courtney Francetich, Miranda Murray)	*Classroom Support for ELL Students: Practical Strategies & Spanish Phrases (Annie Poole, Denise Kingsley)	*Amplify Desmos Math-Mapping Instruction (Amplify Desmos Trainer)