

Big Sky High School

Grade Level:

Grade 9
Grade 10
Grade 11
Grade 12

School Year:

2024-2025

Date:

November 2024



Missoula County Public Schools

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WHAT IS A SCHOOL COMPACT

A school compact is a written agreement between a school, its families and students. The compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

We will work together to create strategies to assist our students with meeting their full potential. These strategies become the compact that we all sign as an agreement by all who are involved in your student's education.

WAYS TO CONNECT

- Watch for outreach and communication through weekly newsletters from our administration and staff.
- Participate in our family engagement events including: Fall Festival, Bingo for Books, Student Showcase, music concerts, lunch and learn parent learning series, and coffee and curriculum series.
- Connect with your student's teacher during Parent Teacher conferences in the fall and spring.
- Join your student on field trips, our annual fun run, and field day.
- Connect with parents and the school through our Parent Teacher Organization and Family Resource Center.
- Request a classroom observation through the school office.
- Join us at the annual Title I Meeting of Practitioners on February 7, 2025, 4:00-5:15 p.m. This is a district level meeting where we discuss best practices in family engagement and academics.

MCPS DISTRICT GOALS

- From Fall 2024 to Spring 2027, MCPS will raise ELA proficiency rates by 15% across all grade levels, as measured by the EarlyBird assessment for grades K-2 and the Exact-Path assessment for grades 3-11.
- By spring 2027, our district aims to increase math proficiency rates by 15% across all grade levels, as measured by the ReadyMath Diagnostic in grades K-5 and the Exact-Path assessment for grades 6-11.
- For each school year from 2024-27, MCPS aims to maintain class sizes at or below state accreditation standards to ensure educational quality in all settings including special education as measured during the fall and spring student count.

Important Dates

September 23, Open House
October 30, Halloween Trick or Treat Event
January 20-24, 1st Semester Finals
January 24, End of 1st Semester

April 9, ACT Testing
April, Farm to Table Tour
June 12, End of 2nd Semester

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TEAMING UP FOR SUCCESS!

Parents, Students and the School

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The teacher will:

- Implement EngageNY strong Tier 1 instructional protocols that increase reading skills for all learners.
- Implement Tier 2-3 targeted interventions for students scoring below proficiency such as small-group instruction and regular progress monitoring.
- Monitor progress through the EarlyBird assessment for grades EL-2 and the ExactPath assessment for grades 3-11.
- Analyze assessment data regularly to identify areas for improvement and adjust instructional strategies accordingly.
- Offer additional support for struggling learners and English language learners to address specific ELA skill gaps.

The parents will:

- Support literacy through regular opportunities to read together and independently at home.
- Ask students about their daily learning and engage in conversation to grow the connection between home and school.

The student will:

- As a confident learner, I will persevere and adapt to achieve self-identified goals related to my growing skills in English Language Arts.
- As an effective communicator, I can discuss texts content to grow vocabulary, communication skills, and comprehension skills.



MATH

The teacher will:

- Implement targeted interventions such as small-group instruction.
- Monitor progress through the ReadyMath assessment for grades K-5 and the ExactPath assessment for grades 6-11.

- Analyze assessment data regularly to identify areas for improvement and adjust instructional strategies accordingly.
- Offer additional support for struggling learners and English Language learners to address specific math skill gaps.

The parents will:

- Help build connections between mathematical skills and applications in the world around them.
- Provide consistent opportunities for students to share their learning and engage in practice.

The student will:

- Analyze and interpret mathematical problems, using agile thinking to demonstrate critical and creative thinking.
- Act as a skilled collaborator, sharing my problem solving thought process with peers, families, and my teachers.



SCHOOL CULTURE

The teacher will:

- Strengthen student leadership competencies to maximize student engagement and empowerment.
- Nurture self-awareness and build critical thinking skills.

The parents will:

- Reinforce the positive school behavior expectations at home.
- Engage and provide feedback to the school informally and through parent surveys.

The student will:

- Miss no more than 10 days of school during the 2024/2025 school year.
- Demonstrate balanced character through resiliency, taking care of mental, physical, and emotional health.

Big Sky Goals:

In the 2024-25 School Year

English Language Arts

- Big Sky will use research based programs, current technology, and highly qualified staff to increase reading scores from 32% to 35% proficient including subgroups. Big Sky will use tiered English interventions to impact our school wide literacy plan. All 9th grade students will take ExactPath assessment to monitor progress throughout the school year. Big Sky students will also have the opportunity to take 2 free college courses to support their post secondary plans.



Math

- Big Sky will use research based programs, current technology, and highly qualified staff to increase math scores to 30% proficient including subgroups. Big Sky will continue to use tiered math courses that meet the needs of all students. All 9th grade students will take the ExactPath and EdReady assessments to monitor progress throughout the school year. Big Sky students will also have the opportunity to take 2 free college courses to enrich their math opportunities.

School Culture

- Big Sky will strive to create and support a school culture that is positive and inclusive for all students. Students will complete the My Voice Climate Survey as well as internal Google forms that help support an inclusive environment. Big Sky will work to reduce chronic attendance problems as indicated by reducing chronic absenteeism from 15.5% to 10% including subgroups.