

Big Sky High School

Grade Level:

- Grade 9
- Grade 10
- Grade 11
- Grade 12

School Year:

2022-2023

Date:

November 2022



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

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

Reminders and updates are sent weekly from the Principal, please make sure you are logging in to Infinite Campus to check your student's progress. There are also several Family Engagement events that focus on fun events that bring families together.

Our family engagement events include:

- **Holiday Meal Kit:** This is a kit that allows families to cook together with an easy to make meal and dessert video put together by Big Sky staff.
- **Spring Farm to Table Event:** This event happens at the MCPS Agriculture Center where we tour the farm and try local meats processed by School House Meats.
- **Winter Photo Framing Night:** Join Big Sky Art teachers to learn how to frame a picture. This is a great time for parents and kids to work together to create art.

Follow our Facebook page @bigskyhighschool, and the Big Sky High School website: www.mcpsmt.org/bigsky. Join our students for academic and extracurricular events.

MCPS DISTRICT GOALS

- 96% cohort graduation rate.
- At least 1 point increase on reading proficiency for 11th grade students on the ACT.
- Multi-tiered systems of support implemented in each school.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics - known as STEAM - education K-12.
- Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards are embedded in instructional delivery.

Important Dates

November 21, Holiday Meal Kit Pick Up
January 16-20, 1st Semester Finals

January 23, End of 1st Semester
June 9, End of 2nd Semester

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Teaming up for Success:

Parents, Students and the School

Big Sky Goals:

In the 2022-23 School Year

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The teacher will:

- Implement EngageNY using instructional protocols that increase reading skills for all learners.
- Meet as a school-based Professional Learning Community, each week, to reflect on student learning and share best practices for instruction and interventions to promote learning for all.

The parents will:

- Provide a consistent time and place for the student's independent reading.
- Seek opportunities to ask the student about their learning, ensuring a personal connection to the reading text.

The student will:

- Closely read the text by using evidence flags and other classroom strategies to provide evidence of the reading.
- Discuss the texts through partner and triad structures to promote higher-level comprehension and connection to the text.

MATH

The teacher will:

- Use research-based instructional strategies to engage students in higher level computational and problem-solving skills.
- Directly teach and assess mathematical practice standards within each daily math lesson.

The parents will:

- Provide a consistent time and place for the student's independent math practice.
- Find opportunities for students to connect mathematical concepts within the world around them.

The student will:

- Closely analyze mathematical problems by using mathematical practice standards, which include problem-solving and quantitative reasoning.
- Use mathematical practice standards to share and criticize different solutions to grade level math problems.

SCHOOL CULTURE

The teacher will:

- Create a safe and nurturing environment and directly teach positive school behavior expectations.
- Establish positive relationships with each student.

The parents will:

- Reinforce the positive school behavior expectations at home.
- Engage and provide feedback to the school informally and on the My Voice survey.

The student will:

- Attend school regularly
- Demonstrate safe, responsible and respectful behaviors with everyone at school.

WE WILL ACHIEVE:

English Language Arts

- Big Sky's goal is for 85% of students in ELA to be successful in their current level English course. Big Sky will use tiered English interventions to impact our school wide literacy plan. All 9th grade students will take STAR 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's goal is for 85% of students taking math to be successful in their current level math course. Big Sky will continue to use tiered math courses that meet the needs of all students. All 9th grade students will take the STAR assessment 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.