

Education Career Pathway

Associate's
Degree (2 years)

Bachelor's
Degree (4 years)

Master's Degree
(6 years)

Early Childhood Education Teacher

Entry Level Salary: \$18,250
Average Salary: \$19,350
Job Growth (10 yr): Very High

Elementary Teacher

Entry Level Salary: \$28,260
Average Salary: \$48,550
Job Growth (10 yr): Medium

Middle School or High School Teacher

Entry Level Salary: \$29,040
Average Salary: \$48,460
Job Growth (10 yr): Medium

School Administrator

Entry Level Salary: \$63,781
Average Salary: \$76,720
Job Growth (10 yr): Medium

School Counselor

Entry Level Salary: \$34,000
Average Salary: \$ 47,050
Job Growth (10 yr): Medium

Get Involved

- [FCCLA—Family, Career and Community Leaders of America](#)
- [Educator's Rising](#)
- Attend a Teacher Career Day
- Athletics
- Service Learning
- Student Government
- Career Planning in Montana Career Information System ([MCIS](#)) or [Career Lab](#)

Try Your Hand at Work

- Shadow a Teacher
- Camp Counselor
- Coach
- Peer Mentor
- Peer Tutor
- Childcare
- Teacher's Aide

College Major Options

- Elementary/Secondary Education
- School Counseling
- Career and Technical Education
- Health and Physical Science
- Special Education
- Early Childhood Education

Career Options

- Elementary/Secondary Teacher
- School Principal
- School District Superintendent
- Librarian
- Special Education Teacher
- School Counselor
- Early Childhood Education Teacher
- College Adjunct/Professor
- Career Technical Education Teacher

Industry Recognized Credentials

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Education Fundamentals & Early Childhood Education Competency Assessments
- American Red Cross CPR/First Aid
- CDA—Child Development Associate
- Educator Rising Micro-credentials

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Complete all High School Graduation Requirements — Click [Here](#) for a Fillable Course Planner

High School

Recommended High School Courses

Education Courses:

- Child/Human Development
- Early Childhood Education
- Occupational Child Care

Other Valuable Courses:

- Senior Year Math
- Psychology
- Chemistry or Physics
- Communications/Public Speaking
- Biology

Look for online high school courses here:
<http://montanadigitalacademy.org/>

Recommended Dual Enrollment

Education Courses:

- Teaching and Learning (EDU101)
- Human Growth and Development (EDU220)
- Child and Adolescent Development (EDEC247)

Other Valuable Courses:

- Math: Contemporary Math (M105), Math for Elementary Teachers (M130), Calculus (M161), Statistics (STAT 216)
- Intro to Psychology (PSYX100)
- Intro to Literature (LIT110)
- Earth System Sciences (ERTH101)
- Chemistry I (CHMY141)
- Physics I (PHSX205)
- Biology (BIOB160 or BIOB170)
- Intro to Native American Studies (NASX105)
- Intro to American Government (PSCI210)

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<http://www.mus.edu/dualenroll/portal/index.html>

Postsecondary Programs in Montana

