

INDICATOR 1

School Program and Course Offerings



K-8 Academic Programs

K-5

Communication Arts

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Viewing
- Speaking

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Keyboarding

Word Processing

Library Skills

Art

Music

Health Enhancement

Counseling

6-8

Communication Arts

- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Viewing
- Speaking

Mathematics: includes Prealgebra and Algebra I

Science

- General
- Life
- Physical

Social Studies

- History: World, United States, and Montana
- World Cultures and Geography
- Law-Related Education

World Languages

- Introduction, Writing, Speaking
- French/Spanish/German

Study Skills/Conflict Resolution/Life Skills

Art

Family and Consumer Science

Industrial Technology

Music: General, Choral, Instrumental

Library Skills

Health Enhancement

Counseling

9-12 Academic Programs

General Academic Programs

- Communication Arts
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health Enhancement
- Art
- Business
- Family and Consumer Science
- Industrial Technology
- Music
- Publications
- Speech
- World Languages

9-12 Remedial Programs

- English 9-12
- Achievement Lab
- Applied Math
- Chapter I Math
- Practical Science
- Government

9-12 Honors Programs

- English 9-12
- Algebra I
- Algebra II/Trigonometry
- Math Analysis
- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Chemistry
- Holography
- Organic/Inorganic Chemistry
- Statistics
- AP English
- AP Calculus
- AP Biology
- AP United States History
- AP Art Senior Studio
- AP Government (Democracy)

9-12 Elective Courses

Art

- Art Workshop
- Commercial Design
- Painting
- Sculptural Design
- Drawing and Printmaking
- Craft Design
- Photography

Business

- Information Processing
- Office Skills
- Computers Multimedia
- Applied Computer Technology
- Entrepreneurship
- Intro to Marketing
- Accounting
- Personal Finance
- Business Law
- Business Management
- Practical Economics
- Sales and Advertising
- Job Seekers
- Work Experience

Publications

- Intro to Newspaper
- Intro to Yearbook
- Photojournalism
- Yearbook Workshop
- Newspaper Workshop

Industrial Technology

- Woods
- Preconstruction
- Construction Technology
- Welding
- Drafting
- Architectural Drafting
- Engineering Drafting
- Electricity DC
- Electricity Residential
- Applied Electronics
- Metals
- Consumer Mechanics
- Automotive Technology
- Power Technology
- Job Seekers
- Work Experience
- Applied Physics
- Networking (CISCO)

Family and Consumer Science

- Culinary Arts I, II, III
- Textiles and Apparel I, II
- Housing and Interior Design
- Tourism and Recreation
- Preparation for Life
- Developing Child
- Child-Related Careers
- Job Seekers
- Work Experience

Theatre Arts

- Intro to Theatre
- Intermediate Theatre
- Advanced Theatre
- Stagecraft Technology
- Stagecraft Design
- Stagecraft Management
- Dramatic Literature/
Theatre History
- Video Production

World Languages

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Sign

Music

- Choir
- Band
- Ensemble/String
- Orchestra
- Jazz
- Chimes
- Theory/History

Speech

- Speech I
- Speech II
- Debate

Health

Enhancement

- Swimming
- Health
- Physical Education
- Athletic Training
- Weight Training
- Aerobics
- Med Prep

Miscellaneous

- Psychology
- Street Law
- Exceptionalities
- Humanities

Further information about specific curriculum and related materials is available from Dr. Chris Wortman-Engren, GFPS Curriculum Director.

9-12 Graduation Requirements

Class of 2002-2005

9-12 Basic Program (20 credits)

- English (4 credits)
- Social Studies (3.5 credits)
- Mathematics (2 credits, including Algebra I)
- Science (2 credits)
- Health Enhancement (2 credits)
- Vocational/Practical Arts (1 credit)
- Fine Arts: Music/Art/Speech/Drama (1 credit)
- Electives (4.5 credits)

9-12 College Prep (22 credits)

- English (4 credits)
- Social Studies (3.5 credits)
- Mathematics (3 credits, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II)
- Science (2 credits)
- Health Enhancement (2 credits)
- Vocational/Practical Arts (1 credit)
- Fine Arts: Music/Art/Speech/Drama (1 credit)
- Choice of (2 credits):
 - Foreign Language (two years recommended)
 - Computer Science
 - Visual and Performing Arts
 - Career and Technical Ed.
- Electives (3.5 credits)

Starting with Class of 2006

9-12 Graduation Requirements (23 credits)

- English (4 credits) with demonstrated proficiency in public speaking/communication skills and writing each year to earn credit
- Social Studies (3 credits)
- Mathematics (3 credits, including Algebra I unless waived through the Applied Math prerequisite process.)
- Science (3 credits, which shall include Foundations of Science or an additional elective upon demonstration of equivalent proficiency, one credit in biology and one credit of science elective)
- Health Enhancement (2 credits)
- Vocational/Practical Arts (1 credit which shall include either Career and Technical education and/or media production)
- Fine Arts: Art, Drama, Music (1 credit)
- Computer Literacy (.5 credit or demonstration of proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, database management and Internet basics)
- General Electives (5.5 credits, which shall include a second year of sequential study in a fine art, foreign language or vocational/practical art)

School Day

K-5: Elementary Schools

Times vary from school to school

- Prior to beginning of school day: breakfast programs and supervised play-grounds
- 155 minutes per day for kindergarten program*
- 340 minutes per day for grades 1-3 program
- 375 minutes per day for grades 4-5 program
- 15-30 minutes per day for planned recess
- 40 minutes per day for lunch
- On different days of the week, students receive instruction from specialists in music, library, art, physical education, and guidance and counseling
- After school: HIPHOP, an after-school tutoring program.

* Starting in 2002-03, kindergarten will be 340 minutes.

6-8: Middle Schools

7:55 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

- Prior to school: breakfast programs, supervised school grounds, extracurricular/co-curricular activities
- 45 minutes per day for each core academic subject
- 45 minutes per day for each exploratory subject, including PE/ music
- 20 minutes each day for homebase (advisory/activity period)
- 30 minutes per day for lunch
- After school: extracurricular/co-curricular activities and HIPHOP, an after-school tutoring program
- Seventh and eighth-grade students have an opportunity to take a 45-minute study hall

9-12: High Schools

7:55 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Several opportunities to take a 7:00 a.m. class
- 55 minutes per day for each core academic class
- 55 minutes per day for each elective or study hall
- 30 minutes per day for lunch
- Prior to and after school: extracurricular/co-curricular activities and club activities plus an after-school tutoring program.
- Club activity period scheduled once per month

Technology Education Program

Goal Statement:

The focus of Great Falls Public Schools' educational technology program is continuous improvement of student achievement, thereby fostering the foundation for lifelong learning. Through the use of technology in the classroom, Great Falls Public Schools' students become thinking, responsible, knowledgeable, and confident citizens of the world.

Components of the program include:

- Growing awareness and experience with technology tools
 - Basic use skills
 - Information-gathering skills

Production skills:

- Equipment that allows students to produce their work in diverse formats
 - Computers in every classroom
 - Computer labs and support accessories in every school
 - Apple/Macintosh as primary platform
 - PC format for library services, business course application, and other areas as needed
- Automated library systems for rapid access to print and electronic resources

District-wide network that provides shared resources appropriate to curricular, instructional, and administrative needs:

- Successmaker (CCC), a skill-building application used extensively at elementary schools, summer school, and in specific locations at middle and high schools
- Variety of applications that support academic programs and individual student needs
- Access to Great Falls Public Schools' homepage: www.gfps.k12.mt.us
- Telephone service that provides direct communication with classrooms: Operator—268-6000

Additional School Programs

- Adult Basic Education
- Adult Continuing Education/NiteCap
- After-School Homework Assistance
- AmeriCorps Tutorial
- Alternative High School
- Athletics
- Bus/Transportation
- CARE/Student Assistance
- Continuing Community Education
- English as a Second Language
- Environmental Education
- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)
- Drivers' Training
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)
- Extended Kindergarten
- Fire Prevention/Home Safety
- Foreign Exchange Student Program
- Freshman Orientation Summer Program
- Gifted Education
- Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Guidance and Counseling Program
- Health Checks (Vision, Hearing, Dental)
- Hip Hop, After-School Tutoring Program
- Homework Hotline
- Hot Lunch/Breakfast
- Literacy/Title I
- Middle-School Prevention Specialist
- MBI Teams in Each School
- Night School
- Parent-Teacher Associations
- Parent Involvement Classrooms (PIC)
- Saturday School
- School Resource Officers
- School to Work
- Student At-Risk Alternative Classrooms
- Special Education
- Summer School
- Tech-Prep
- Treatment Program in the High Schools
- Young Parents Education