



Friday, September 4

FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear families and the
Helena Community,



A full week down, and the rest of a
wonderful school year to go!

We've seen great energy across our schools already, and there is even more to look forward to in the coming weeks.

High school fall sports are in full swing - including the inaugural season of girls flag football in our district! Be sure to check out the action and support our student-athletes. You can find all athletic schedules on the [District's Athletics Department page](#).

HEF is gearing up for a busy stretch as well. Mark your calendars for the 2026 Carnival Classic on Sunday, September 13, and keep an eye on updates from the upcoming Fabulous Firsts program, which introduces our first graders to the joy of reading- a foundation for their academic journey.

The Helena Food Share Kid Pack program is kicking off again to ensure our students have nutrition support outside of school. We recently sat down with HFS Program Director Kara Snyder on our podcast to discuss the vital impact of Kid Packs and our strong partnership—flip two pages down to check out the episode!

Enjoy the long weekend and be safe out there!

Respectfully,

Rex M. Weitz, Superintendent
Helena Public Schools

HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WE ARE HIRING.

Join Our Team

PAYROLL SYSTEMS COORDINATOR

Job Summary :

Helena Public Schools is seeking a highly organized, detail-oriented Payroll Systems Coordinator to lead the District's payroll operations and ensure accurate, timely compensation for approximately 1,200 employees. This key position is responsible for managing payroll processing, tax reporting, employee payroll records, benefit deductions, payroll system administration, and regulatory compliance while serving as a trusted resource for employees and administrators. This position works collaboratively with Human Resources, Business Services, district administrators, and external agencies to ensure payroll accuracy, compliance, and efficient financial operations.

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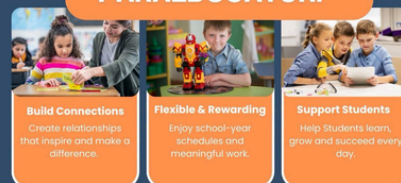
For more information please contact :

406-324-2012
rmedley@helenaschools.org
1325 Poplar St. Helena, MT 59601



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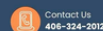
Build Connections
Create relationships that inspire and make a difference.

Flexible & Rewarding
Enjoy school-year schedules and meaningful work.

Support Students
Help Students learn, grow and succeed every day.

Current entry level salary range is \$16.10-\$19.63 per hour depending on experience and includes a comprehensive benefit package.

[APPLY ON HPSJOB.COM](https://hpsjob.com)



Contact Us
406-324-2012



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Our Location
1325 Poplar St

WE'RE HIRING!

Helena Public Schools is proud of the nearly 1,000 professionals who contribute to the success of students, families and our community at large. Living and working in one of Montana's finest small communities is both professionally and personally rewarding. Our staff take pride in working with children, families and in the community where educators and school professionals are seen as day to day heroes.

We want you to join our team! **CLICK HERE** to view open positions like Payroll Systems Coordinator or Paraeducator positions and apply today!

Bonds Projects Updates

09/06 - 09/12 HHS + PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (PAL) PROJECT



WEEK 46:

- **A&E + SMA Design Updates:**
 - HHS/PAL Construction Documents complete, Phase 3 bidding begins!
- **Dick Anderson & Team Construction Updates:**
 - Helena Sand and Gravel
 - Foundation Excavation
 - DAC
 - QC footing forming
 - Set Anchor Bolts
 - Central Electric
 - Install Light poles
 - Steed Concrete
 - Forming footings & walls
 - Pour Footings & walls

HHS wants to recognize and remember the deep history of the old building. Current students are putting together a living history of HHS to capture the memories, lifestyles, and storied history of those who walked the hallowed halls. If you, a family member, or others attended HHS and would like to be part of this project, please scan the QR to complete the form (it should be linked, so you can click on it and it will take you to the form).

Helena High History Interview Interest



09/06 - 09/12 HPS DISTRICT KITCHEN



WEEK 46:

- **A&E + SMA Design Updates:**
 - Construction, OAC Meetings every Tuesday
- **Dick Anderson & Team Construction Updates:**
 - Matrix
 - Form interior foundation walls
 - Tetra Tech
 - Concrete testing and compaction testing of backfill
 - Mockel
 - Backfill around interior foundations and interior slab subgrade
 - Big Sky
 - Interior slab rough-in
 - Slate
 - Interior slab rough-in

09/06 - 09/12 CHS PROJECT



WEEK 44:

- **Slate Architecture + RTA Updates:**
 - Labor Day
 - OAC Meeting on Site
 - School Board Meeting
 - Reviewing DD Pricing
 - Construction Documents Package 4
- **Langlas & Associates Construction Updates:**
 - Basement Saw Cutting & Demolition Continued
 - Basement Framing Continued
 - Mechanical Well Excavation
 - Electrical & Plumbing Rough-In
 - MEP Coordination Meetings
 - Precast / Steel Coordination Meetings
 - Package 3 Bid
 - DD Budget Review & Coordination
 - Board Meeting

Upcoming Community Events

SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Brews & Blueprints
CAPITAL HIGH CAMPUS
GROUNDBREAKING EVENT
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 | 5:30 P.M.



CAPITAL HIGH CAMPUS
SE PARKING LOT



SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Brews & Blueprints
KESSLER ELEMENTARY CAMPUS
GROUNDBREAKING EVENT
OCTOBER 7, 2026 | 5:30 P.M.



KESSLER CAMPUS-
STAY TUNED FOR
MORE DETAILS



KESSLER PROJECT

09/06 - 09/12

WEEK 42:

- **Mosaic Architecture + Cushing Terrell Updates:**
 - Week 6 of Construction Documents
 - 9/8: Bi-Weekly OAC Meeting
 - 9/8: Board of Trustees Update
 - Design Team Coordination Meetings
- **Golden Eagle/Swank Construction Updates:**
 - 9/8: Bi-Weekly OAC Meeting
 - 9/8: Board of Trustees Update
 - Design Team Coordination Meetings
 - Laydown Yard Fencing

PARKING, STREET CLOSURE, SCHOOL ENTRANCES, AND WALKWAY GUIDANCE

We want our students, staff, and community as safe and informed as possible as our schools get farther along in their construction phases.

[PLEASE VIEW ALL PROJECT UPDATES HERE!](#)



Fee Assistance

Clothing Items

Classroom Supplies

Health and Wellness Services

IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL...

ONE FORM, COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES. APPLY BEFORE OCTOBER 11!

NOTE: If you applied last year, you must apply again for this year!

HPS Community Support Resources

Community Corner

- HPS THREE WAYS TO DONATE
- RUNNING RESOURCE LIST ON OUR WEBPAGE
- HPS SCHOOLS' FOOD DRIVES AND OTHER RELATED EVENT LISTINGS
- CONTACT CENTER FOR QUESTIONS AND TO GET CONNECTED (WEBPAGE)

[VIEW WEBPAGE](#)

It's More Than a Meal

Free & Reduced Meal Application

Even if your child attends a school where meals are already free, please take a few minutes to complete the application – it can make a big difference for our schools and students! It's quick, confidential, and can have a lasting impact on our schools!

NOTE: If you applied last year, you must apply again for this year!

[APPLY BEFORE 10/11](#)

HOT TOPICS

2026-27 HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT BOARD REPS



Introducing our Student Board Reps for 2026–27!

Helena High School senior Tyson Schulte and Capital High School junior Ella McCullough were sworn into office at the August BOT meeting. Both reps aim to "bridge the gap between the two high schools, especially as both navigate the construction," as well as being positive and communicative forces for their respective student bodies. We are excited for what their year on the Board will bring!

FROM THE GROUND UP WITH HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Rex visits with Kara Snyder from Helena Food Share...an organization that provides in excess of 40,000 food packs a year to Helena-area students facing food uncertainty.

**LISTEN OR WATCH WHEREVER YOU'RE AT IN
YOUR DAY:**

[LISTEN ON RSS](#)[LISTEN ON APPLE PODCASTS](#)[WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR THE DISTRICT?

Septmeber 5, 2026 - September 19, 2026

Saturday, September 5:

Sunday, September 6:

Monday, September 7: NO SCHOOL

****District CLOSED**

Tuesday, September 8:

- BOT Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m. – Lincoln
- Bryant Open House, 4:30 p.m. – Bryant
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – Lincoln Center

Wednesday, September 9:

- BOT Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m. – Lincoln
- Central Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – Central
- HHS Senior Meeting with Jostens
- HHS Open House, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10:

- Broadwater Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – Broadwater
- CRA Picture Day
- PAL Info Night
- 4Gs PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 4Gs

Friday, September 11:

- HMS Picture Day
- Smith Fabulous Firsts, 2:30 p.m. – Smith
- Smith Family Tailgate, 6:00 – HMS
- Bengal Tailgate – HMS

Saturday, September 12:

Sunday, September 13:

- HEF Carnival Classic, 11:00 am – Memorial Park

Monday, September 14:

- Jefferson Picture Day
- Jim Darcy Fabulous Firsts, 2:00 p.m. – Jim Darcy
- PAL Info Night
- Jim Darcy PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Jim Darcy Library

Tuesday, September 15:

- Broadwater Picture Day
- Klint Fisher Memorial Dedication, 4:30 p.m. – Central
- Smith PSS Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Smith Library

Wednesday, September 16:

- Warren Picture Day
- PAL Picture Day
- Rossiter Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – Rossiter
- Kessler Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – Kessler

Thursday, September 17:

- Jim Darcy Picture Day
- 4Gs Picture Day
- 4Gs Fall Family Folk Dance Night, 4:30 p.m. – 4Gs Gym
- Bryant PTA Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – Bryant
- Helena Chamber Special Brews and Blueprints Capital High Groundbreaking Event, 5:30 p.m.
- Capital High Open House, 6:00 p.m. – CHS

Friday, September 18:

- Kessler Picture Day
- Warren Fabulous Firsts, 2:30 p.m. – Warren
- Jefferson Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – Jefferson
- 4Gs Fabulous Firsts, 2:45 p.m. – 4Gs

Saturday, September 19:

If we missed something, please let us know –

helenamtschools@helenaschools.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR OR MAKE NOTE OF:



CARNIVAL CLASSIC

SUNDAY, 11 A.M.-3 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 13
MEMORIAL PARK

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IRONHORSE ENROLLMENT—PAGE 2 OF 2

Preferred Shirt Size: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Allergies: _____

Other Medical or Special Needs: _____

STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENTS

To fulfill its mission and provide quality, educational experiences for students, student musicians need to make a commitment to the Ironhorse Consortium for Young Musicians. Please read Ironhorse Membership Policies (by ensemble) at <https://ironhorsemusic.org/policies/> and pay close attention to all expectations. Sign the member agreements at the bottom of this page before submitting your enrollment form.

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

☐ I have read the Ironhorse Youth Music Membership Policies specific to my chosen ensemble(s) or other programs, and I agree to comply with said policies in full.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

☐ I have read the Ironhorse Youth Music Membership Policies specific to my child's chosen ensemble(s) or other programs, and I agree to comply with said policies in full.

☐ I hereby grant permission for the Ironhorse Youth Music to use my child's photograph for printed and online promotional materials and publications. I waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto, and I acknowledge that Ironhorse Youth Music may choose not to use my child's photograph at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date.

Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____



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2020-2021 SEASON

IRONHORSE YOUTH MUSIC 2020-2021

The Ironhorse Consortium for Young Musicians exists to inspire, educate, and connect people through music. All ensembles (along with our other reading programs) rehearse classical and contemporary music. Exposure to student musicians of all ages and provide a strong foundation of rehearsal and performance techniques. Through repertoire and other educational opportunities, Ironhorse brings students and audiences a community connection to other cultures and social issues facing our society.

Staff are excited to return to ensemble rehearsals, lessons, and other academic opportunities this season, we hope everyone will join us for these exciting learning opportunities!

Ensembles

Instructors are preparing for a variety of ensemble rehearsals this year! Please visit <https://ironhorsemusic.org/> for updated information, detailed schedules and rehearsal locations, and complete ensemble descriptions.

Ensemble Performances

Winter Concert - Saturday, December 12 at 4:00 pm, St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Spring Concert - Saturday, May 15 at 4:00 pm, St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Other small performances (for ensembles or chamber groups) may be scheduled throughout each semester.

Other Programs

Private Lessons - open to individual students, but lesson availability depends on enrollment and teacher schedules.
A supplemental lesson form is required and available by request or at <https://ironhorsemusic.org/lesson/>.

Classes - open to all students, but availability depends on enrollment and class prerequisites.

The MET Live in Schools - Free and open to all students.

Tuition

Most Ironhorse programs are made possible through enrollment fees that are calculated based on monthly costs to the organization. If you have any concerns regarding enrollment fees, please inquire about our fee waiver program. Ironhorse is committed to serving all student musicians in the community!

Ensemble Fees

- Each student's first semester enrollment is \$60 per month. Additional ensemble enrollments are \$25 per month for each student.
- All savings enrolled in ensembles receive a 10% discount. Any student participant in Ironhorse summer camps or Ironhorse lesson programs receive a 5% discount per program.
- Contact Us: Clearly if you are interested in paying discounted semester or annual fees up front!

Class Fees

- Class enrollment fees vary depending on the class structure, but Ironhorse aims to keep class fees in line with the \$60 per month ensemble fee.

Private Lesson Fees

- Private Lessons are offered on a sliding scale based on family income and student need. Weekly lesson times are scheduled with each instructor.

Please visit the Ironhorse website (<https://ironhorsemusic.org/>) for additional information about our organization and the many opportunities it provides to young musicians.

IRONHORSE CONTACT INFORMATION

Kevin Cleary, Executive Director
(406) 230-0909
kccleary@ironhorsemusic.org

IRONHORSE ENROLLMENT—PAGE 1 OF 2

Ironhorse enrollment forms are available at <https://ironhorsemusic.org/gibbon>

Name: _____ Gender/Preferred Pronouns: _____

Grade Level: _____ Birthdate: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____ Zip Code: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Student Instrument(s): _____ Years of Experience: _____

Ensemble Enrollment: (Select all in which you would like to perform)

FULL ORCHESTRA	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester
ORCHESTRAL WINDS AND PERCUSSION	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester
CAMERATA ORCHESTRA	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester
YOUTH CHORUS	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester

ACADEMY ENSEMBLES

BAND (☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate)	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester
ORCHESTRA (☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate)	☐ Year ☐ Fall Semester ☐ Spring Semester

Other Programs:

☐ EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC	☐ Movers and Shakers ☐ Walkers and Dancers
☐ PRIVATE LESSONS	☐ Fall will also submit the required lesson supplement form
☐ MET LIVE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM	☐ Please keep the information about this free opportunity

Enrollment Fees:

☐ PRIMARY ENSEMBLE	☐ \$60 PER MONTH
☐ ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLES	☐ \$25 PER MONTHLY
☐ CLASSES	☐ \$50 PER SESSION
☐ DISCOUNTS	
☐ SIBLING (10%) ☐ SUMMER CAMP PARTICIPATION (5%) ☐ LESSON PROGRAM PARTICIPATION (5%)	
OPTIONAL ONE TIME DONATION	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Ironhorse will email invoices to families once a month (September through December for the fall semester, and January through May for the spring semester). If you request a full semester or full year payment, an invoice will be emailed that includes an up-front payment of amount.

Enrollment paperwork or check payments may be delivered to an instructor or mailed to:

Ironhorse Youth Music • PO Box 117 • Helena • 59624

IronHorse Music

IronHorse Music is looking forward to another fantastic year! Enrollment is NOW OPEN – [CLICK HERE!](#)

"As with our summer programs, Ironhorse is committed to making school year ensembles and classes accessible to every student. The MET Live in Schools program is and always will remain free to every participant. We also provide scholarships for other programs to every student who meets income guidelines. Many Helena Public School students take advantage of our fee waiver program each year."

<https://ironhorsemusic.org/>

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