

MONTANA JOB CORPS AND MONTANA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of this 27th day of February, 2026, between the Montana Anaconda Job Corps Center and the Trustees of Browning Public School District.

WHEREAS, the local governments are authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 11, Part 1, M.C.A. (the "Interlocal Cooperation Act), to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best the geographical, economic, population, and other factors influencing the need and development of local communities; and between the above-mentioned parties.

OBJECTIVE:

Montana Job Corps Centers may provide educational and vocational services to eligible youth to supplement the districts educational programs.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED:

Montana Job Corps centers agree to provide academic, vocational, and social skills training to qualified students. Credits earned will be reported to the district. Credits earned will be counted toward graduation requirements. If sufficient credits are earned, the student may choose to receive his/her high school diploma from the district.

Montana Job Corps Center must be accredited by Cognia (formerly Advance Ed. and Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges), meet CCSS and NGSS standards, and Instructors must have either a current and appropriate Montana Secondary certification or Vocational certification.

This is a reciprocal agreement between Job Corps Centers and the school district.

HOW COSTS WILL BE FUNDED:

Job Corps students are funded through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. There is no cost to students or school district.

The district of residence is not responsible for transportation costs.

Any Montana student who chooses to receive educational and/or vocational services at a Montana Job Corps center must be enrolled in his/her school district of residence for purposes of calculating average number belonging (ANB).

METHOD OF REFERRING:

Montana school districts may refer candidates to the Job Corps Admission and Placement Counselors. The Montana Job Corps Admissions Counselor will determine eligibility and the optimum center placement within the Department of Labor, Region IV. The individual student's vocational and academic needs are taken into consideration in this placement.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This cooperative agreement applies only to those students who are legally enrolled in their school district of residence.

The cooperating school district will review and approve the attained credits offered at the Montana Job Corps center prior to the student's enrollment in this program; to include Transformational Learning opportunities/credits at the district's discretion.

Montana Job Corps centers provide academic, vocational and social skills training preparing students for future employment success through our Career Development Services System.

If a student does not wish to receive a diploma from his/her home high school, he/she will receive the diploma from the individual Montana Job Corps center upon graduation.

DURATION OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT:

The interlocal cooperation agreement is effective on the _____ of _____ 2026 and shall terminate on the 30th day of June 2027. Either party to this MOU may request modification. Either partner may withdraw, giving written notice of its intent to withdraw thirty (30) days prior to the ensuing fiscal year of operation.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

Students must meet the Department of Labor guidelines and standards for enrollment in Job Corps. Once enrolled, students must maintain Department of Labor and Center standards for continued enrollment in the program.

It is understood and supported by all parties that the Job Corps Program has a **zero-tolerance policy** concerning violence and drug use. Students must test drug free within 45 days of enrollment into Job Corps. It is understood that any drug related incident, positive drug test, or violent incident on or off the Center may be grounds for termination from the program, subject to Department of Labor and Center policy.

The terms of this agreement will be discussed with each student before they enter into the program by both the school district and the center.

Students who have coverage by medical card, insurance, or through the school or other programs will continue to receive and utilize said coverage. All other medical and dental coverage will be provided by the Center in accordance with Department of Labor guidelines and with the coordination of the Center's wellness staff.

Neither the Montana Job Corps nor _____ district shall discriminate, in violation of law, against any citizen for the provision of services based upon race, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital or familial status, creed, ex-offender status, physical condition, political belief, public assistance status or sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression.

The parties will not be liable for any damages proximately resulting from the negligence or wrongful acts or omissions of the other parties' employees or agents in the performance of this agreement. Each party shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the other party from any such damage of liability.

In no event shall this Agreement be construed to impose any obligation on _____ or its employees, other than those require by law.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Agreement to be executed on the latest date noted below

SIGNATURES:

Chairperson of the Board of Trustees	Name of School	Date
<u>Matthew C. [Signature]</u>		<u>2/12/26</u>
Anaconda Center Director		Date

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