

THE WEDNESDAY READER

August 31, 2022

This week's Wednesday Reader is being sent out a day early as I will be out of the office beginning this afternoon. I will be back on Tuesday, September 6. I hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year & gets to enjoy one more summer adventure over the upcoming holiday weekend.

Download Montana Business Ed Curriculum Resources Updated for 2022-2023

Several of files have been updated within the shared [Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources](#) Google Drive folder. You may bookmark the folder for future reference, bit.ly/MTBusEd22-23.

Updates include the Montana Business Education Planning Calendar for 2022-2023 (item #1 in the folder) and the Business Professionals of America and DECA competitive event crosswalks within the Framework for Business Education in Montana. You can download the complete Framework (item #3) or just the Framework CTSO Crosswalks for 2022-2023 (item #4).

Additionally, you can download the TEAMS K-12 Course Codes Business & Marketing Education Manual for 2022-2023 (item #5) and a copy of the TEAMS Participation Report Worksheet to map your courses with the correct course codes and list current enrollments to assist with your school's TEAMS data for this year. TEAMS will open September 1 for 2022-2023 school year data entry and close on November 1.

Please be sure all the data entered into TEAMS for your courses is correct as this data is used in part to determine Perkins and State CTE funding.

Resources & Simulations from Intuit for Accounting and Financial Literacy/Personal Finance

Are you teaching accounting or a financial literacy/personal finance course and are looking to connect students with some real-world applications? [Intuit](#) has resources and simulations you can use with your students for TurboTax, Mint, and QuickBooks.

Mint also comes with a downloadable Teacher Toolkits with curriculum and student activities.

Visit Intuit's [Job Readiness and Education site](#) today to get started.

Aviation-Focused STEM Workshop for Montana Teachers

On October 7 and 8, 2022, the Montana Aeronautics Division of the Department of Transportation will host its annual Teacher Workshop. The Division has partnered with the Montana Learning Center (MLC) at Canyon Ferry Lake to deliver the program and the curriculum is authorized to provide 20 renewal credits through the Office of Public Instruction. [Applications](#) are due September 15, 2022.

Teachers will receive instruction from Dr. Walter Woolbaugh of MSU, Ryan Hannahoe, Executive Director of the Learning Center, Chris Gillette, retired airline pilot and member of the MLC team, and Montana Aeronautics staff. The lessons will consist of aeronautics theory and principle-based demonstrations and experiments they can easily and affordably reproduce in the classroom for students. These ideas and experiments are designed to excite students about aviation while learning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles that apply to everyday life. The goal of the workshop is for teachers to take their newfound passion for aviation and transfer it back to their students in their classrooms.

Introductory flights will kick-off the event along with tours of the Montana Air National Guard, an air ambulance operator, Helena College aircraft mechanic school, and the Helena Air Traffic Control Tower. On the second day, classroom activities and studies will take place at the Montana Learning Center.

Best of all, there is no cost to teachers.

2022-23 US Senate Youth Program Scholarships

The 2022-23 U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Scholarship application period opened on August 22, 2022, to Montana Juniors and Seniors who meet the [USSYP qualifications](#).

Two students from Montana will be selected to receive one \$10,000 scholarship each, along with a required Washington Week Program, March 4-11, 2023. Attending the entire Washington Week public service and leadership program and the college scholarship are one, inseparable award.

The application is now open on the [OPI Student Scholarships & Student Exchange webpage](#) and must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm, October 3, 2022.

For questions, contact Kristen Bokovoy, USSYP Coordinator, at Kristen.Bokovoy2@mt.gov 406.444.2417.

Nominations now being accepted for MBEA Awards Program

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is now accepting [nominations](#) for Outstanding New Business Teacher, Outstanding Business Teacher, Distinguished Service Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Awards will be presented during the MBEA Business Meeting during the [Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#) in Billings. The MBEA Business Meeting will be held Friday morning, October 21, from 8-9:30 am at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center.

Nominations can be [submitted online](#). For questions about the nomination process, please contact MBEA Past President [Calie Wineinger](#).

Download the Montana Business Education Planning Calendar & Course Codes Manual for 2022-2023

To help plan your school year, including professional development opportunities and Career & Technical Student Organization events, download your [Montana Business Education Planning Calendar for 2022-2023](#) today from the [Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources](#) shared Google Drive folder at bit.ly/MTBusEd22-23.

Additionally, the 2022-2023 edition of the [Montana OPI TEAMS K-12 Course Codes, Business & Marketing Education Reference Manual](#) is also available for [download](#). Please be sure to review the Notes for Business Education-Related Courses and Course Updates and Endorsement Additions for FY2022 Course Listings sections for important details and updates for the new school year.

It is also highly recommended teachers utilize the [TEAMS Course Coding Worksheet](#) to align your 2022-2023 course offerings to the proper course codes and to ensure correct enrollment numbers are entered into TEAMS. Once completed, please share your Worksheet with the individuals within your district/school who enter data in TEAMS. Remember, once TEAMS closes for the Fall Data Entry, courses cannot be changed or added; course information for all semesters/trimesters must be submitted in the fall.

If you have any issues accessing the files above, please let me know via email at eswenson@mt.gov.

New CTE Professionals Workshop—FREE Professional Development for Those New to the CTE Classroom

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022 via three (3) sessions—two (2) virtually and one (1) live, in-person—beginning Tuesday, September 20, via Zoom.

The [New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022](#) focuses on early-career professionals—specifically Career & Technical Education professionals within the first five (5) years in a Montana Career & Technical Education classroom. Additionally, Montana CTE professionals who have participated in the past are invited to attend to enhance their classroom skills and knowledge of Career & Technical Education. School administrators and counselors who maybe new to or want to learn more about Career & Technical Education in Montana are also invited to attend.

This FREE professional learning opportunity will provide attendees with information on a variety of topics related to Career & Technical Education including

- Advisory committees,
- Classroom safety & liability,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines,
- Dual Enrollment,
- Instructional strategies for the CTE classroom,
- Managing and marketing local Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Montana Career Pathways,
- Perkins funding,
- Professional development organizations,
- State CTE funding & data reporting,
- Work-Based Learning, and
- workplace Skills through your CTSOs.

The hybrid workshop will be held virtually Tuesday afternoon September 20 and October 11, and live, in-person, on Wednesday, October 19 in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

The workshop is offered free of charge and up to seven (7) OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022, including a schedule of events, is available on the [Secondary CTE](#) page of the OPI website.

[Registration](#) for the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022 can be completed and submitted online at bit.ly/NewCTE2022. Registrants will receive a packet of materials onsite in Billings on Wednesday, October 19. To be included in the materials count, please submit registration by the end of the day on Monday, September 19, 2022. Please note, materials cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after September 19.

For registration assistance or for more information, please contact Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov.

Montana CTE Professionals Gathering in Billing for Fall Institute

The Montana Association for Career & Technical Education (Montana ACTE) invites all Montana Career & Technical Education professionals to Billings for the [Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#), October 20-21. The 2022 event, *Teaching the Skills to Pay the Bills*, will be held at the [Billings Hotel & Convention Center](#).

A 2022 Registration Packet with a schedule of events and lodging information is available on the [Professional Development](#) page of the [Montana ACTE](#) website. Rooms can be reserved at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center at \$99 plus tax & fees/night using the group ID Montana ACTE. The room block ends September 18.

TEAMS Virtual Work Sessions Scheduled for September and October

The Accreditation and Educator Preparation unit is offering [14 virtual work sessions](#) in September and October to assist with completing the Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule (TEAMS) report.

They are all via Zoom and you do not need to register beforehand. There are five (5) sessions intended for new users and nine (9) sessions for returning users that discuss FY2023 Updates.

The complete 2022-2023 TEAMS Virtual Work Sessions Schedule can be downloaded [here](#). The first session will be held September 19. The deadline to submit TEAMS data is November 1.

Applications for 2022-2023 Perkins Rural Reserve Grants Now Open

Applications for the [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve Grant](#) can be submitted for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. The purpose of this year's [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve](#) grant is to create career awareness, recruit, and retain students within a CTE Secondary Program of Study that leads to a high skill, high wage, or in-demand occupations.

There are currently 176 schools offering over 260 Career and Technical Education courses to students in grades 5-8 in our Montana schools. The most offered course is in career exploration. Since Montana does not receive enough funding to allow us to provide Perkins funding for middle school programs this year's Rural Reserve Grant will be to encourage pathway work for the middle grades.

Schools could use the funds to help:

- establish innovative delivery methods for career exploration
- expose students to employability skills earlier
- establish foundational elements for work-based learning
- improve transitions from middle grades into secondary Career and Technical Education pathways.

[Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 each will be available to secondary Perkins eligible school districts to support CTE work in the middle grades (5-8). Schools will have had to complete the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), and their E-Grant application must be approved for the 2022-2023 Grant cycle before applying.

Schools that were awarded in previous years are eligible to apply, however, preference will be given to new applicants. The 2022-2023 application can be downloaded from the [CTE page](#) of the OPI website under the Funding menu.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

As an employee of a local public school system, you may qualify for the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) Program](#). PSLF is a federal program that forgives the remaining balance on direct loans after 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while an individual is working full-time for a qualifying employer.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Education announced a time-limited waiver to allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for loan forgiveness. Under the temporary waiver, any prior period of repayment counts as a qualifying payment, regardless of loan program, repayment plan, or whether the payment was made in full or on time, provided the employment requirements are satisfied.

The waiver is only available for a limited time. The deadline to submit the [PSLF Application](#) for the waiver is October 31, 2022. Individual employees are responsible for submitting all necessary forms to the U.S. Department of Education. Requests for employment certification should be directed to campus human resources.

More information, including a handy [Help Tool](#) to determine eligibility and [FAQs](#) about the PSLF program, is available [here](#).

Code.org Offering a Virtual Fall Teacher Training

[Code.org](#) is offering a fall Computer Science Discoveries professional development course. The course will be held over nine (9) half-days on Saturday mornings from September 10 through November 5.

Computer Science Discoveries is a hands-on introductory course for grades 6-10.

This virtual course is being provided by Code.org regional partner AVID and will be led by Washington-based facilitators in both a synchronous/asynchronous blend. The course is open to Montana educators on a first-come, first-serve basis; however, scholarships for Montana educators are currently not available. The cost to complete the course is \$1500.

For complete details and to register, visit AVID's [Computer Science Discoveries page](#).

ACTE Offering Two Webinars for those Interested in Esports

The [Association for Career & Technical Education](#) (ACTE) is hosting two [webinars](#) covering innovative best practices and research in Esports.

Academic Esports—An Evolving Technology in CTE Pathways: Student Gamers will be held on September 13 at 2:00 pm (MDT).

Academic Esports—An Evolving Technology in CTE Pathways: Research in Academic Esports will be held on October 12 at 2:00 pm (MDT).

For complete details and to register, please visit [ACTE's Webinars page](#).

Adobe MAX 2022 Again Offering a Virtual Option (for FREE) if you can't get to LA

[Adobe MAX: The Creative Conference](#) will be held October 18-20 in Los Angeles; however, Adobe is again offering a virtual option.

For the in-person option in LA, educators can register for \$1295 and students for \$299. The LA conference will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center with several [hotel options](#).

The [virtual option](#) is being offered for FREE and includes 100+ online sessions, mainstage presentations, luminary sessions, and shop and sponsor giveaways.

Visit the [Adobe MAX](#) site for complete details and to register. If you participate in Adobe MAX, be sure to work with your district/school to receive OPI renewal units.

Fun Facts & Trivia

Disney's second animated feature film *Pinocchio* premiered in New York City on February 7, 1940.

Carlo Collodi was the pen name of Carlo Lorenzini, an Italian author, humorist, and journalist, who was widely known for his fairy tale novel *The Adventures of Pinocchio*.

The film required the talents of 750 artists, including animators, assistants, inbetweeners, layout artists, background painters, special-effects animators, and inkers and painters, who produced more than 2 million drawings and used some 1,500 shades of paint for the Technicolor production.

Pinocchio cost \$2.8 million to make, equivalent to over \$100 million today, and was one of the most expensive films produced at the time.

With the outbreak of war in Europe, the film did not make much money outside of the United States; therefore, taking years to earn a profit.

Jiminy Cricket became the film's most popular and enduring character, appearing in subsequent Disney films and television shows, including *Fun and Fancy Free* and the *Mickey Mouse Club*.

In Collodi's tale, Jiminy Cricket's role was only a minor one and was eventually squashed by Pinocchio.

The song "When You Wish Upon a Star" received the Academy Awards for Best Score and Best Song; the first Disney song to win an Oscar.

The song was sung by Cliff Edwards, who was also the voice of Jiminy Cricket.

"When You Wish Upon a Star" is widely considered as the signature song of The Walt Disney Company and is often used as such in the production logos at the beginning of many Disney films.

True fans of *Pinocchio* can visit Pinocchio Park.

Pinocchio Park is located in the Tuscany region of Italy in the town of Collodi.

Collodi is the town where Carlo Lorenzini spent the carefree years of his childhood together with his family, and which he loved so much that he chose to change his name to Carlo Collodi.

Opened in 1956, Pinocchio Park is the ideal place for a day with the family, where you can while away the hours surrounded by greenery, art and architecture and introduce your children to the Italian fairy tale beloved world-round.

The park includes the sculpture "Terrible Dogfish" by Augusto Piccoli which is a gigantic version of the famous whale that first swallows Geppetto and later Pinocchio.

Visitors can go inside and climb up to the top of the giant whale, where they can get a magnificent view of the whole park.

The Pinocchio's Daring Journey ride opened in Disneyland in 1983 as part of Disneyland's Fantasyland expansion.

Pinocchio's Daring Journey was the last dark ride built in Disneyland.

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