

# ABOUT US: GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“All students engaged in learning today...for life tomorrow” is the vision of Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS). GFPS is the 2nd largest school district in Montana. All 10,150 students are prepared through comprehensive PK-12 programming and extensive extra- and co-curricular offerings. With Malmstrom Air Force Base located within school district boundaries, GFPS works closely with military students and families as they transition to and from Malmstrom. The District focuses on engaging students to include emphases on attendance and customized learning opportunities. GFPS seeks to prepare students for college, career and citizenship.

Pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade students are served in the Early Learning Family Center, 15 neighborhood elementary schools, two middle schools, two traditional high schools and an alternative high school. The District also provides life-long adult learning opportunities through its Career and College Readiness Center at the Great Falls College-MSU. Students are served by approximately 734 highly trained and qualified educators, many of whom have received state and national recognition.

GFPS is part of a community that supports enrichment and fine arts programs as exemplified by the GFPS Music Department being selected as one of the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation’s 2018 “Best Communities for Music Education.” The department is a six time winner of this prestigious award. The District is also proud of its competitive athletic programs and its Career and Technical Education programs.

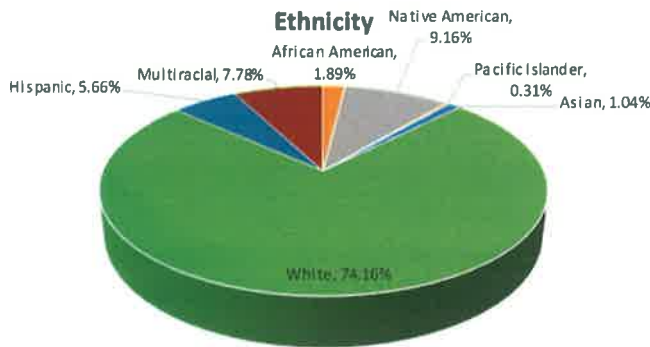
GFPS seeks continuous improvement through the execution of a strategic plan. The focus is on “Our Kids, Our Community and Our Future” as it enhances student achievement, stewardship and accountability as well as healthy, safe and secure schools. GFPS enjoys strong partnerships with a variety of community organizations and businesses in its pursuit to accomplish these goals. For additional information about this plan and the District, please visit the following websites: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/about-us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/about-us) and [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/).

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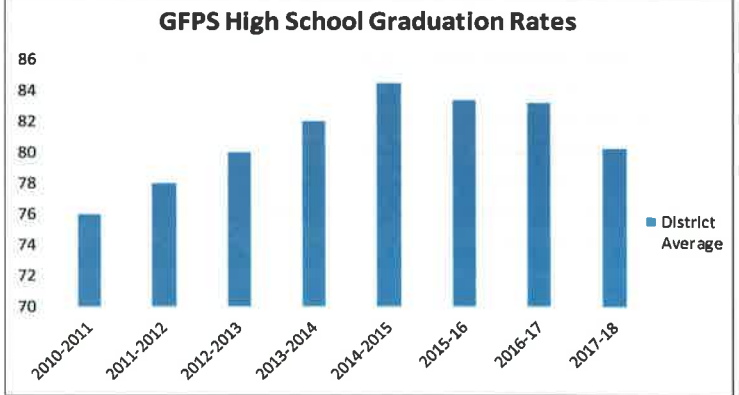


# Great Falls Public Schools Fiscal Year 2019-2020 FAST FACTS

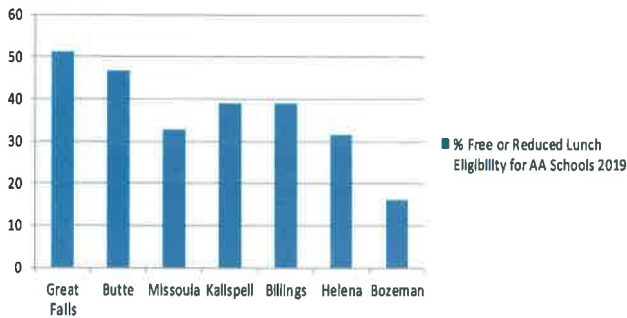
## Student/School Information



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### % Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility for AA Schools 2019



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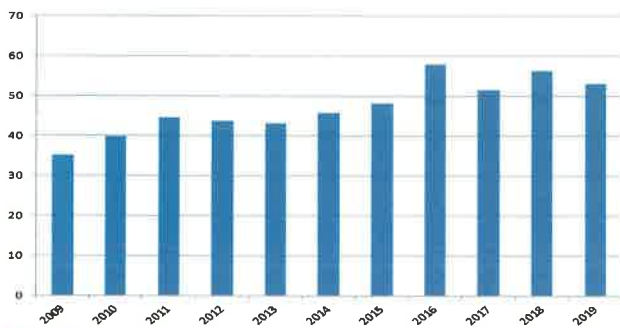
### % of Students Engaged in Programs:

- ◇ Free and Reduced Lunch: 47.40%\*
- ◇ Limited English Proficient: 4.48%
- ◇ English Second Language: 0.89%
- ◇ Special Education: 10.61%
- ◇ Homeless: 2.46%
- ◇ Military: 10.89%

\* Determined using Community Eligibility Program (CEP) in six schools rather than submission of Free and Reduced applications.

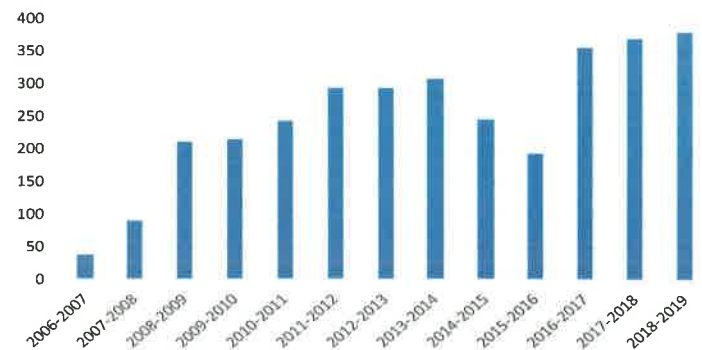
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### % Free or Reduced Lunch Elementary Schools



November, 2017

### # of Homeless Students 2005-2019



## Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Signed into law in 2015

Replaced No Child Left Behind Act

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has generated a report card for each school in the state. The report card provides information on how students perform in Reading, Math, Science, attendance, and student achievement progress scores. Information regarding educator qualifications, school quality, climate, safety information and school finance is in development and will be included in future year report cards.

Here is how to access this information:

- Use this link: <http://nativereportsgems.opi.mt.gov/ReportServer/GEMSNative/Pages/ReportViewer.aspx?%2FESSA+Report+Card%2FESSA+Report+Card+District&Year=%202018&Org=0800>
- On the upper left corner, use the 'Organization' drop-down arrow to select either 'Great Falls Elem' or 'Great Falls HS'. Then click on 'View Report'.

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## District Information

### District Website:

[www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us)

### Vision:

All kids engaged in learning today.....for life tomorrow.

### Mission:

We successfully educate students to navigate their future.



### Strategic Plan:

The 2019-20 strategic plan sets forth three main goal areas that are of the highest priority for action in the upcoming school year and beyond. These efforts in continuous improvement include:

- ◇ Student Achievement— with the goal being to increase student achievement for all students while closing the achievement gap.
- ◇ Stewardship and Accountability— with the goal being to provide prudent stewardship and accountability of public resources to best support educational opportunity and student success.
- ◇ Healthy, Safe and Secure Schools— with the goal being to provide all students healthy, safe and secure school environment in which to learn. District Leadership has developed action items for each goal area. The GFPS Strategic Plan may be found at: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/about-us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/about-us)

### Our Schools:

- ◇ Established in 1888
- ◇ Second Largest School District in Montana
- ◇ Early Learning Family Center—Preschool Program
- ◇ 15 Neighborhood Elementary Schools
- ◇ 2 Middle Schools
- ◇ 2 Comprehensive High Schools
- ◇ 1 Alternative High School
- ◇ Adult Education Program at Great Falls College MSU

### School Food Service & Transportation:

- ◇ Total Meals Served: 1,428,254
- ◇ Breakfast Programs at 17 public schools
- ◇ Breakfast in the Classroom at 10 schools (2 added in 18-19)
- ◇ Free & Reduced Meals served
  - Breakfast: 431,679
  - Lunch: 642,303
- ◇ # of Bus Routes: 67
- ◇ # of Bus Drivers: 94
- ◇ # of Student Ridership: 3,546
- ◇ # of Miles Traveled: 623,700



### Facility Facts:

- ◇ Average School Age: 57.4
- ◇ Oldest Building: Great Falls High School 1928
- ◇ Newest Building: Giant Springs Elementary built in 2018
- ◇ Current Public Debt (Bonds)
  - ⇒ Elementary \$42,175,942
  - ⇒ High School 51,070,000
- ◇ 1.9 million square feet of building space
- ◇ 295 acres of land
- ◇ Up-to-date Facilities Plan information can be found at: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/facility](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/facility)

### Our Staff:

|  | <b>FTE*</b>   |
|--|---------------|
| Teachers                               | 745.3         |
| Hourly Classified                      | 131.04        |
| Engineers                              | 95.0          |
| Aide-Library/Teacher                   | 53.36         |
| Clerical                               | 71.0          |
| Principals                             | 28.0          |
| Medical Related                        | 33.9          |
| Support Personnel                      | 21.5          |
| District Administrators                | 15.0          |
| Crafts                                 | 11.0          |
| (carpentry, paint, electric, plumbing) |               |
| Technology Specialists                 | 12.0          |
| Psychologists                          | 10.9          |
| Supervisors                            | 5.0           |
| Warehouse                              | 6.0           |
| <b>Total:</b>                          | <b>1239.0</b> |

\*FTE= Full Time Equivalent i.e.; one person working half-time equals .5 FTE

### Our Teachers:

- ◇ Ages: 22 to 69
- ◇ 76% Female
- ◇ 581 or 70% have a Master's degree or higher
  - \*2 with a Doctoral degree



### School Construction ranges in date from 1928-2018

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 1920's | 1 |
| 1930's | 4 |
| 1940's | 1 |
| 1950's | 5 |
| 1960's | 9 |
| 1970's | 4 |
| 1990's | 1 |
| 2000's | 0 |
| 2010's | 1 |

