Superintendent of Schools

Department Overview
The County Superintendent of Schools provides administrative support, information, and organization for the schools and communities of Gallatin County. The office meets the requirements of federal, state, and local codes and provides quality service to the children, families, schools, and taxpayers of the County.

The superintendent provides administrative support to four rural schools and for sixteen districts conducts legal hearings of disputes, calculates and correlates County financial information, and acts as record keeper of school information. Home school families notify the Superintendent of Schools of their intent to home school. Information pertaining to school district boundaries is maintained by the superintendent’s office and is provided to real estate agents and residents as to the school district in which acreages and homes are located. All property transfers between school districts are administered by the superintendent.

There are 36 public schools within sixteen school districts in Gallatin County, of which there are 13,631 students in grades K-12. In addition, there are 823 home school students and 1,169 private school students in grades K-12. The superintendent has general supervision of the schools in the County and directly assists the trustees of four rural school districts that do not employ a superintendent or principal with supervision. The superintendent calculates and reports transportation and retirement mills totaling 44.79 mills or $12,853,080 in tax revenues. All school budgets are reviewed, and proper reporting and recording with government agencies is provided.

Department Goals
- Offer exceptional service to the public on matters pertaining to K-12 education in Gallatin County.
- Provide effective administrative support to rural districts without superintendents with accreditation, student assessment, grant applications, teacher recruitment and supervision, and special education.
- Maintain close association with and provide effective support to public school district clerks, trustees, and superintendents in the areas of school finance, transportation, and elections.
- Assist and support home schools with notification and reporting requirements, curriculum resources, and yearly student assessments.
- Enhance educational opportunities for students in rural schools in cooperation with community organizations: eighth grade graduation ceremony, spelling bee, Law Day, and declamation contest.
- Digitize and improve storage of and access to County school records: pupil enrollment, teacher licenses, home school attendance, financial reports, and legal proceedings.
- Adjudicate legal matters, contested cases, and property transfers fairly and impartially.

Recent Accomplishments
- Assisted rural school districts with accreditation reporting and grant applications, special education, student assessments, and employee recruitment and supervision.
- Ensured accurate millage for transportation and retirement funds for Gallatin County and joint school districts and distributed payments to schools in a timely manner.
- Supported home schools with notification and reporting requirements, curriculum resources, and yearly student assessments.
- Initiated digitalization of and improved storage and public access to County schools data: student enrollment and financial reports.
- Coordinated countywide spelling bee and patriotic declamatory contest.
- Coordinated quality professional development training for rural school educators.
- Collaborated with County GIS department in development of interactive school district boundary map.
- Attended monthly board meetings of rural school districts and visited most other districts across the County to administer oath of office to newly elected school trustees.
- Provided background screening for substitute teachers and volunteers for nine rural school districts.
### Department Budget

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### Department Personnel

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