

SCHOOL FINANCE WEBSITE TOUR

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SCHOOL FINANCE HOME PAGE

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School Finance



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Click on the OPI logo from any page

❖ Moves the user to the OPI home page



Click in the OPI Search box from any page

❖ Allows a search by topic



OPI COMPASS

The screenshot shows the top portion of the OPI website. On the left is the OPI logo, which features a red outline of the state of Montana with a large red 'A+' inside, surrounded by the text 'OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION' and 'ELSIE ARNTZEN, STATE SUPERINTENDENT'. To the right of the logo is the slogan 'PUTTING MONTANA STUDENTS FIRST'. Further right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Below these is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search...'. A navigation menu follows with icons and labels for 'Families & Students', 'Educators', 'Leadership', 'Contact', and 'Safety & Student Support'. Below the navigation is a section titled 'OPI Monthly Compass'.

OPI Compass

→ [April 2022 Education Compass](#)
03/25/2022 02:16 PM MDT

[March 2022 Education OPI Compass](#)
02/25/2022 05:40 PM MST

[February 2022 Education Compass](#)
01/28/2022 01:59 PM MST

[January 2022 Education Compass](#)
12/30/2021 03:49 PM MST

[December 2021 Education Compass](#)
12/03/2021 01:57 PM MST

[November 2021 Compass](#)

Thank you for learning about the future opportunities offered by our great staff at the agency. We serve our schools, leaders, and students. The Compass is released as a monthly publication.

- ▶ 2021 Activities
- ▶ 2020 Activities
- ▶ 2019 Activities
- ▶ 2018 Activities



OPI COMPASS

(SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM)

Click the links below to see updates from OP's units.

[Accreditation & Educator Preparation](#)

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[Assessment](#)

[Career, Technical and Adult Education](#)

[Coordinated School Health](#)

[Educator Licensure](#)

[Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools \(EANS\)](#)

[Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\)](#)

[Gifted & Talented](#)

[Indian Education for All \(IEFA\)](#)

[Montana Autism Education Project](#)

[Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#)

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

FY2023 Indirect Cost Rate Applications Available

The closing date for applying for an Indirect Cost Rate is **April 30th**, which is compatible with the e-grants system.

ESSA Per Pupil Expenditure Reporting

The link for each webinar will be posted on the ESSA Per Pupil webpage

Please contact with your software vendor for guidance on how to get school codes set up within your software.

School Elections

The OPI, in coordination with MASBO, will again be conducting bi-weekly check-in meetings during the election season.



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Application Links:

[MAEFAIRS System Login Link](#)

[County System Login Link](#)

[Pupil Transportation System Login Link](#)



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NEW ACCORDION LAYOUT & RETURN TO SF AT BOTTOM

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ABOUT SCHOOL FINANCE>LINKS

About School Finance

▾ Links

References Links

- [Administrative Rule of Montana](#)
- [Montana Code Annotated](#)

Other Resources

- [Association of School Business Officials International](#)
- [Local Government Services](#)
- [Montana Association of School Business Officials \(MASBO\)](#)
- [Montana Board of Investments](#)
- [American Institute of Certified Public Accountants](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [NCES Handbook](#)
- [National Highway Safety Guidelines](#)
- [School Administrators of Montana](#)
- [Facility Inventory Surveys](#)



ACCOUNTING>

GUIDANCE & MATERIALS

Accounting

▾ Guidance & Manuals

Most Accessed

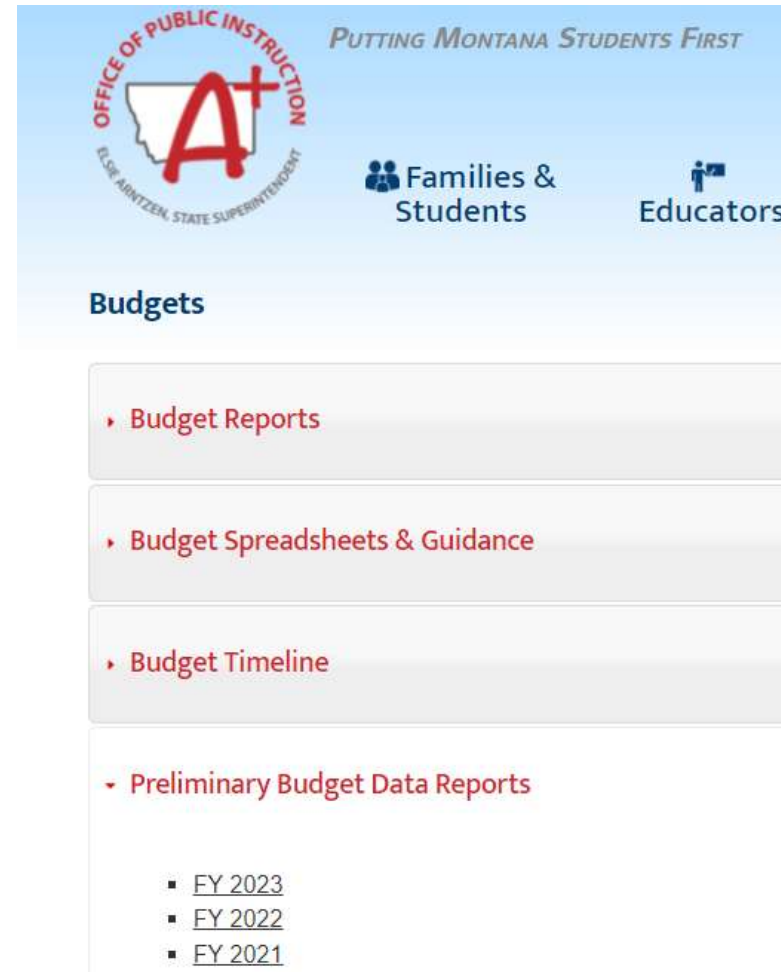
- [School Accounting Manual](#)
- [Chart of Accounts](#)
- [ESSER Consolidated Guidance](#)

Other Materials

- [Building Reserve Fund Guidance Document May 2018](#)
- [Compensated Absences Worksheet](#)
- [FY 2021 Compensation Expenditure Report Instructions](#)
- [Compensation Expenditure Upload Template](#)
- [Delivering Local Assistance Program Grant Guidance](#)
- [DPHHS-Governor's COVID Relief Fund Food Security Funds](#)
- [GASB Statement No. 84](#)
- [Governor's COVID Relief Fund Per-ANB Guidance](#)
- [Governor's COVID Relief Fund Technology Guidance](#)
- [Governor's COVID Relief Fund Transportation Guidance](#)
- [Miscellaneous Fund Worksheet](#)
- [MT Advance Opportunity Aid Guidance](#)
- [Montana Digital Academy Guidance Document](#)
- [Multidistrict Agreement FAQs](#)
- [NCES Handbook](#)
- [Reconciling Cash to County Treasurer](#)
- [School Safety Transfers Guidance](#)
- [Student Activity Fund Worksheet](#)



School Finance > Budgets



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- ▶ Budget Reports
- ▶ Budget Spreadsheets & Guidance
- ▶ Budget Timeline
- ▶ Preliminary Budget Data Reports
 - [FY 2023](#)
 - [FY 2022](#)
 - [FY 2021](#)

School Finance > Elections



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Elections

- ▶ Ballot Materials
- ▶ Guides & Information
- ▶ Security of State Resource Materials
- ▶ Trustee Information

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School Finance > MCA & ARMs



Applicable Montana Codes and Administrative Rules

Accounting: [20-9-302/376](#), [20-9-306](#), MCA

Budgeting: [20-9-101/168](#), [20-9-306](#), MCA

County Information: [20-9-212\(6\)](#), [20-9-121](#), [20-9-141](#), MCA

Election Information: [20-20-105](#), [20-20-311/312](#), [20-20-401/417](#), [20-9-353](#), MCA

Student ANB Count: [20-1-101](#), [20-5-101](#), [20-9-311/4](#), [20-9-369](#), [20-9-302\(1\)](#) MCA

Impact Aid: [20-9-514](#), MCA

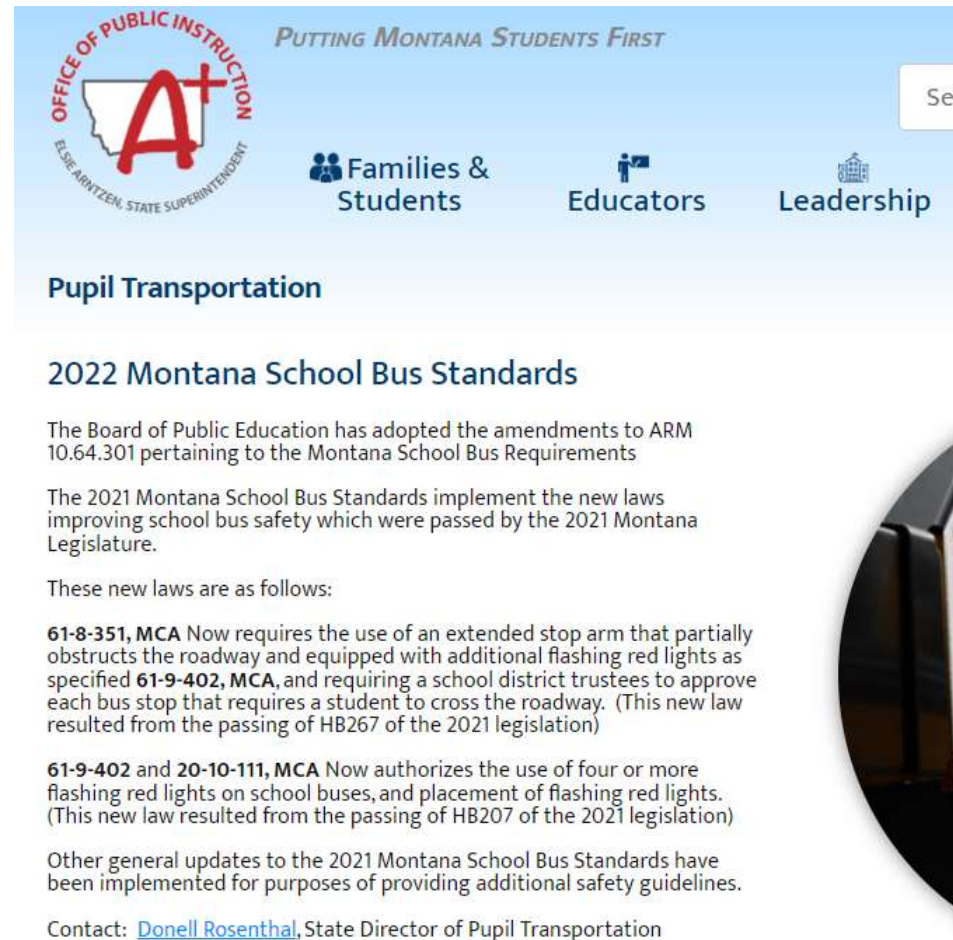
Pupil Transportation: [20-10-101 thru 20-10-147](#) MCA, ARM [10.7.101](#)

Tuition/Attendance: [20-5-101/111](#), [20-5-323/324](#), [20-7-420\(2\)](#) MCA, ARM [10.10.301](#)



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School Finance > Pupil Transportation



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2022 Montana School Bus Standards

The Board of Public Education has adopted the amendments to ARM 10.64.301 pertaining to the Montana School Bus Requirements

The 2021 Montana School Bus Standards implement the new laws improving school bus safety which were passed by the 2021 Montana Legislature.

These new laws are as follows:

61-8-351, MCA Now requires the use of an extended stop arm that partially obstructs the roadway and equipped with additional flashing red lights as specified **61-9-402, MCA**, and requiring a school district trustees to approve each bus stop that requires a student to cross the roadway. (This new law resulted from the passing of HB267 of the 2021 legislation)

61-9-402 and 20-10-111, MCA Now authorizes the use of four or more flashing red lights on school buses, and placement of flashing red lights. (This new law resulted from the passing of HB207 of the 2021 legislation)

Other general updates to the 2021 Montana School Bus Standards have been implemented for purposes of providing additional safety guidelines.

Contact: [Donell Rosenthal](#), State Director of Pupil Transportation

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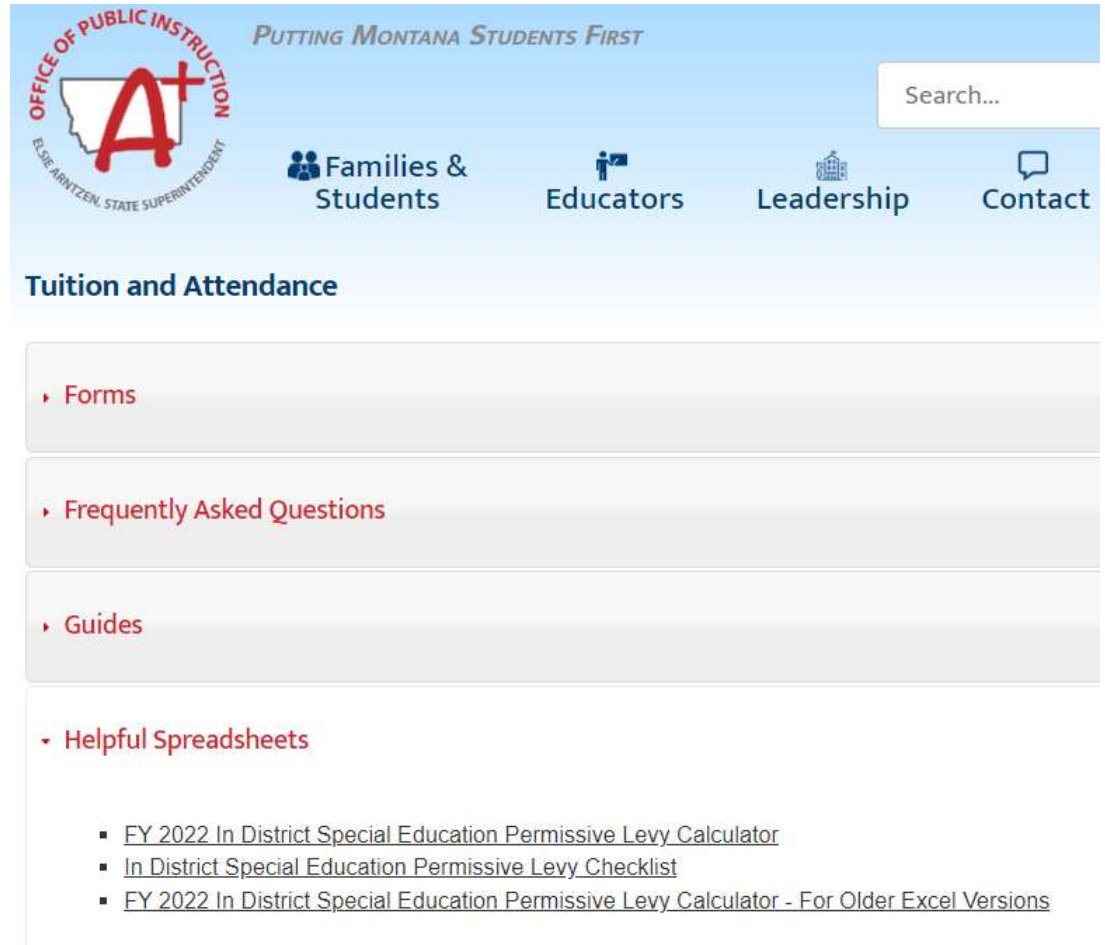
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School Finance > Tuition & Attendance



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