

Quality Educator Loan Assistance & Impacted Schools Report

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Background

Section 20-4-503, MCA directs the Board of Public Education, in consultation with the Office of Public Instruction, to maintain and make publicly available a current list of impacted schools.

A *quality educator* is defined as a full-time equivalent educator who holds a valid educator license or is a licensed professional providing services to students in a public school district, an education cooperative, the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, the Montana Youth Challenge Program, or a state youth correctional facility.¹

The Board of Regents administered the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program through the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education from FY 2008 through FY 2017. The program provided direct repayment assistance for the educational loans of eligible quality educators for up to four years. The total annual loan repayment assistance could not exceed \$3,000 per educator. The number of recipients and the amount paid on their behalf were:

<u>Year</u>	# of Recipients	\$ Awarded
FY08	104	\$307,280
FY09	116	\$336,366
FY10	163	\$471,754
FY11	143	\$418,023
FY12	167	\$495,924
FY13	191	\$527,761
FY14	207	\$597,966
FY15	172	\$494,794
FY16	172	\$499,066
FY17	157	\$457,935

The 2017 Montana Legislature did not fund the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. However, HB 211 passed by the 2019 legislature reestablished funding in the amount of \$500,000 per year and substantially changed the program. During the 2023 Legislative session SB 70 was passed which further amended the programs eligibility requirements which included removing the Critical Shortage Area requirement. The following table presents the fiscal activity since the programs reestablishment:

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¹ The full definition of a Quality Educator is available at 20-4-501(6), MCA.

Fiscal Year	<u>Ap</u>	propriation	<u>Ex</u>	<u>pended</u>	Ba	<u>lance</u>
2020	\$	500,000	\$	273,069	\$	226,931
2021	\$	500,000	\$	276,404	\$	223,596
2022	\$	500,000	\$	428,596	\$	71,404
2023	\$	546,403	\$	414,295	\$	132,108
2024	\$	603,000			\$	603,000
2025	\$	666,000			\$	666,000

Criteria for an Impacted School

The definition of an impacted school, 20-4-502(5), is:

- (a) a special education cooperative;
- (b) the Montana school for the deaf and blind, as described in 20-8-101;
- (c) the Montana youth challenge program, as established in 10-1-1401;
- (d) a state youth correctional facility, as defined in 41-5-103;
- (e) a public school located on an Indian reservation; and
- (f) a public school that, driving at a reasonable speed for the road surface, is located more than 20 minutes from a Montana city with a population greater than 15,000 based on the most recent federal decennial census.

The OPI utilized the State Library's GIS database to calculate the drive time from each of the cities with a population greater than 15,000. As a result, 661 public schools and cooperatives in Montana meet the criteria to be an impacted school. A listing of impacted schools and a map showing these schools can be found on the OPI website. The following presents the impacted schools list posted on OPIs website:



Current List of Impacted Schools

School Name	Community
Absarokee 6-8	Absarokee
Absarokee High School	Absarokee
Absarokee School	Absarokee
Alberton 7-8	Alberton
Alberton High School	Alberton
Alberton School	Alberton
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Alzada School	Alzada
Amsterdam School	Manhattan
Anaconda Jr High School	Anaconda
Anaconda Sr High School	Anaconda
Anna Jeffries Elementary	Cut Bank
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Arlee Elementary	Arlee
Arlee High School	Arlee
Arrow Creek Elem School	Pryor
Arrowhead 7-8	Pray
Arrowhead School	Pray
Ashland 7-8	Ashland
Ashland School	Ashland
Auchard Creek School	Wolf Creek
Augusta 7-8	Augusta
Augusta Elementary School	Augusta
Augusta High School	Augusta
Avon School	Avon
Ayers School	Grass Range
B A Winans School	Livingston
Babb School	Babb
Bainville 7-8	Bainville
Bainville High School	Bainville
Bainville School	Bainville

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