



Foster Future-Ready Students

Montana Educators Connect Classrooms to Careers with Real-World Learning Experiences from Discovery Education

Trusted for over 20 years, Discovery Education prepares learners for the future by providing real-world learning opportunities to every student, bridging the gap between classroom education and workforce readiness. We are proud to partner with the state of Montana to provide all students with access to career exploration resources, empower educators to seamlessly integrate career-driven content into the curriculum, and connect classrooms directly with the people and industries shaping Montana's future workforce.

Our unique partnership brings together the education leaders and business communities of the great state of Montana, providing insight into the skills students need and the opportunities that await them upon graduation.



Montana Career Education LANDSCAPE & OPPORTUNITIES

40.2

is the average age of Montana's workforce, one of the **top 10 oldest in the nation**.

3,068

new STEM job openings are expected in Montana **annually** over the next decade.

94.6%

of school districts are deemed "rural." Montana is #1 in the nation for rural districts.

37%

of Montana's projected job openings will be due to workers exiting the labor force.

77%

of Montana businesses believe career advising in grades 6-12 needs to be strengthened.

11%

of Montana students are American Indian -- a key community for the state.

Preparing All Montana Students for Career Success

Available to all Montana public schools at no-cost through our partnership with OPI, our comprehensive learning solutions propel student growth, empower teachers, and connect real classrooms to the real world, preparing future-ready students for career and workforce success.



EXPERIENCE

Discovery Education Experience engages students with **real-world learning content** and supports teachers with **cross-curricular strategies** and ready-to-use resources. With *Experience*, Montana teachers and students have full access to:

- Montana-focused content, **including IEFA Channel** for Montana Indian Education for All
- Career-focused media, hands-on activities, and immersive games to spark curiosity
- Virtual events livestreamed for Montana classrooms, reaching all rural areas in the state
- **STEM Careers Coalition** resources that inspire students, especially those from rural and underserved communities, to see themselves in STEM careers



DreamBox is a research-based, math and literacy solution:

- **Personalized Instruction:** Each student progresses on their optimal learning path
- **Foundational Skills:** Students master critical skills for success in K-12 and beyond
- **3rd-party research** supports **ESSA Tier I** designation for DreamBox Math & Reading
- **Supports MAST Testing:** Students are familiarized with MAST-type questioning



CAREER CONNECT

Career Connect brings local and national industry professionals to K-12 classrooms:

- **Removes barriers:** Classrooms engage virtually with professionals in real time
- **Career readiness:** Students learn about career, apprenticeship, and higher ed paths
- **Virtual Events:** Multiple classrooms can tune into a select connection in real time
- **Expands Opportunity:** All students in Montana have equal opportunity and access to explore careers

"Career Connect is phenomenal tool for bringing professionals into my rural school, allowing students to talk to experts in different fields. I sometimes struggle with how to support rural and reservation communities, as they're the most removed and in need of extra opportunities. Career Connect really bridges that gap."



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