

2006 Funded Projects

Improving Writing Proficiency

This project forms a partnership with UM Western's School of Education and English Department, and Thompson Falls, St. Regis, Plains, Noxon, St. Ignatius, and Hot Springs Public Schools to improve students' writing proficiency through instruction in the prewriting phase of the writing process. Project funds cover training sessions, coaching, and participation in scoring the Montana University System Writing Assessment.

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Improvement of Academic Performance in Content Subjects

This project forms a partnership with the Department of Special Education, Counseling, Reading, and Early Childhood and the College of Education of MSU-Billings and the Browning, Huntley Project, Pryor, and Wyola School Districts to engage teachers of high school students in the design and application of graphic organizers to 1) find the content in text; 2) scaffold content in ways that teach concepts and relationships among concepts; 3) guide students in extracting important content from text; and 4) provide content teachers with tools for assisting students with content reading.

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Developing Writing Proficiency for College Success

This project partners the UM Department of English and School of Education with the Superior and Corvallis School Districts to establish a regional writing assessment partnership to provide professional development and college credit in leadership, writing instruction and evaluation for area schools.

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Preparing High School Students for College Writing

This project partners the MSU-Billings Department of English and School of Education with the Shepherd School District to establish a regional writing assessment partnership to provide professional development and college credit in writing instruction and evaluation for area schools.

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Developing Writing Proficiency for College Success

This project partners the Montana State University Departments of English and of Education with the Gardiner School District to establish a regional writing assessment partnership to provide professional development and college credit in writing instruction and evaluation for area schools. It also provides an online course for teachers of struggling writers to assist them in preparing students for college writing during the senior year.

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Montana Holistic Scoring of Student Writing

This project partners the MSU-Northern School of Education and MSU Great Falls Department of English with the Centerville and Box Elder School Districts to establish a regional writing assessment partnership to provide professional development in writing instruction and evaluation for area schools.

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