

Notable Examples of Innovation and Choices in Montana's Public Schools

Aligned to the areas of focus adopted by in the final report of the Innovation and Excellence and Education Working Group

2019 Session, HB 387, Rep. Jones:
Advanced Opportunity Act, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 15, MCA.

2021 Session, HB 246, Rep. Bertoglio:
Equal credit/funding for work-based learning, constitutional protection of personalized learning, Section 20-7-1510, 20-7-1601, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 257, Rep. Sprunger:
Expanded funding for advanced opportunities, Section 20-7-1506, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 408, Rep. Vinton:
Innovative Education Tax Credits, Part 15, Chapter 30, Part 31, MCA. Includes transformational learning, advanced opportunities, work-based learning, postsecondary credit, technology enhancements, and capital improvements.

2023 Session, HB 549, Rep. Anderson:
Constitutionally compliant charter schools, Title 20, Chapter 6, Part 8, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 749, Rep. Jones:
Montana Digital Academy and Clearinghouse, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 12, MCA.

2023 Session, SB 444, Sen. Small:
Align labor laws with work-based learning, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 3, MCA.

2025 Session, HB 252, Rep. Llew Jones:
STARS Act, \$50M annual incentives for increased teacher pay.

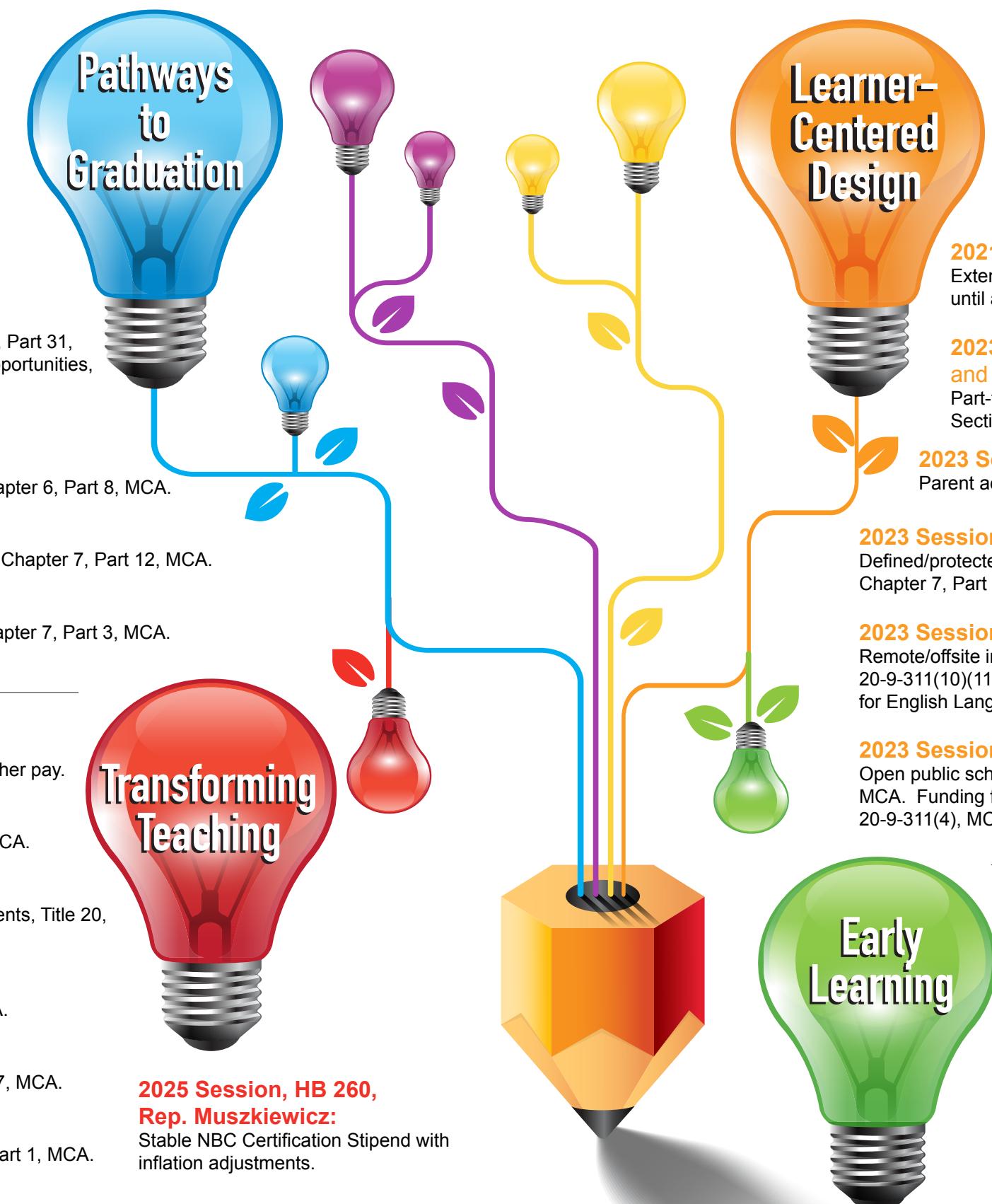
2021 Session, HB 143, Rep. Jones:
Beginning teacher pay incentives, Section 20-3-324, MCA.

2023 Session, SB 70, Sen. O'Brien:
Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program enhancements, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 5, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 332, Rep. Bedey:
School Health Trust Incentives, Section 20-3-366, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 833, Rep. Barker:
Teacher residency programs, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 7, MCA.

2023 Session, Sen. Salomon:
Alternative teacher credentialing, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 1, MCA.



2007 Session, HB 195, Rep. Lange:
Opportunities for graduates until age 19, Section 20-5-101(3), MCA.

2009 Session, HB 459, Rep. Grinde:
Created Montana Digital Academy. Initially founded in 2005 by MTSBA and MREA, later operated by the University of Montana.

2019 Session, HB 351, Rep. McKamey:
Transformational Learning, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 16, MCA.

2021 Session, HB 231, Rep. Anderson:
Extended education access for students with disabilities until age 22 under IDEA, Section 20-9-311, MCA.

2023 Session, SB 72, Sen. Regier and SB 157, Sen. Hinebauch:
Part-time student access to extracurricular activities, Section 20-9-311, 20-5-112, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 396, Rep. Hastings:
Parent access to part-time enrollment generating ANB, Section 20-5-101(8)(9), MCA.

2023 Session, SB 8, Sen. O'Brien:
Defined/protected proficiency-based learning, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 16, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 214, Rep. Bertoglio:
Remote/offsite instruction, Section 20-7-118, 20-9-311(10)(11), MCA. Added culturally rooted instruction for English Language Learners.

2023 Session, HB 203, Rep. Bedey:
Open public school enrollment, Title 20, Chapter 5, Part 3, MCA. Funding for part-time enrollment, Section 20-9-311(4), MCA.

2025 Session, HB 252, Rep. Llew Jones:
Future Ready Payment for post-secondary learning opportunities.

2025 Session, SB 182, Sen. Windy Boy:
Enhanced Indian Language Immersion Programs, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 14, MCA.

2023 Session, HB 352, Rep. Barker and 2025 Session, HB 338, Rep. Romano:
Early learning interventions for children below grade-level proficiency, Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 18, MCA. Includes classroom-based, summer jump-start, and home-based programs.

2025 Session, HB 168, Rep. Karlen:
Preschool IDEA ANB.