

## Testimonials

After graduating from the MSU Educational Leadership program, I know I have the leadership skills and educational knowledge necessary to guide a school toward excellence. I would highly recommend this program to anyone considering pursuing a Master's in Educational Leadership.  
**John Stillson, Principal Central Elementary Helena, MT**

Going into the program I wasn't sure if I was ready to lead a school. Coming out of the program I interviewed for two superintendent positions and was offered both positions. The program works. It works because of the passion and dedication of the professors who want to build strong leaders who will change our educational system for the better.  
**Aaron Skogen, Superintendent Geraldine, MT**

The Educational Leadership program at MSU is without comparison. The faculty, courses, field experience, activities and assignments provide future administrators with the skills needed to step into a leadership role and create positive change for the children of Montana.  
**Trish Klock, H.S. Teacher, Helena High Helena, MT**

## The Rural Education Cohort

The MSU Rural Education Leadership Cohort is a partnership between Montana State University's Education Leadership Program and the Montana Rural Education Association and its member schools.

The program delivers a "contextualized" master's degree and principal licensure experience.

Our mission is to recruit and train exemplary teachers who will become the next generation of school leaders for Montana's rural communities.

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# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION K-12 Principal Licensure

## Rural Leadership Cohort 2015



## Program Features

- M.Ed. in Education Leadership, Montana Class III Administrative license (K-12 Principal Endorsement)
- Five semester Principal licensure program – 36 credits
- Blended classes featuring both online and some regional face to face learning
- Classes co-taught by MSU Faculty and Montana rural school leaders
- Faculty with Montana school administrator experience
- Year-long field experience with expert mentors
- Theory integrated with best leadership practices
- Rigor, Relevance and Relationships
- Summer classes on the beautiful MSU campus
- Cohort model developing camaraderie and long term professional relationships
- Financial aid available

## Program Admission Requirements

Prior to applying for an Educational Leadership program, applicants must hold a Class I teaching license, should have at least three years teaching experience, and possess a 3.0 undergraduate GPA.

Completed Graduate School Application – online - <http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions.html>

1. **GPA calculation form:** The form is provided during the application process. **NOTE:** We require a GPA of 3.00 for the last two (2) years of undergraduate course work.
2. **Resume/Curriculum Vitae**
3. **Three (3) letters of recommendation via the Graduate School online College Net System :**  
At least one of the three recommendations must be from the candidate's **PRESENT** direct supervisor.

That means a school district administrator who (a) is currently administratively certified by Montana Office of Public Instruction or other equivalent state agency; **AND** (b) currently acts as direct supervisor for the candidate, and has done so for a minimum period of one semester; **OR** (c) from a **PREVIOUS** direct school district administrator who is (a) currently certified by the Montana Office of Public Instruction or other equivalent state agency.

**Self-Nomination Letter:** The self-nomination letter should be 2 pages, double-spaced, and focus on the following:

1. Your development and growth as a teacher, including professional development.
2. Your leadership contributions to your rural school/district.
3. Your specific goals and motivation to become a rural school leader.

**Academic Transcripts:** Official transcripts verifying all Bachelor's Degree course work should be sent to the Department of Education Graduate Programs Office, 215 Reid Hall, PO Box 172880, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.

All application materials must be submitted by July 15, 2015 for consideration for admission to the 2015 Fall cohort.

## Masters of Education in Education Leadership-Principal Endorsement

### Coursework

Each class is 3 credits

#### Fall 2015 Blended

EDLD 507 Foundations of Leadership (1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks)

EDLD 508 Supervision of Instruction (2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks)

#### Spring 2016 Blended

EDLD 534 Data Driven Decisions (1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks)

EDLD 520 Schools and Diverse Communities (2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks)

#### Summer 2016 MSU

EDLD 565 K-12 Instructional Leadership (1<sup>st</sup> session)

EDLD 532 School Law (1<sup>st</sup> session)

EDLD 555 Mt Finance (2<sup>nd</sup> session)

EDLD 515 Planned Change (2<sup>nd</sup> session)

#### Fall 2016 Blended

EDLD 574 Field Experience I (full semester)

EDLD 526 Evaluating School Programs (1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks)

#### Spring 2017 Blended

EDLD 574 Field Experience II (full semester)

EDLD 566 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders

or EDLD591 Special Topics (1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks)

**Total Program**

**36 credits**