



2021-22 Annual Report



Writing Coaches
of montana

“Community Mentors Coaching Young Writers”

Our mission is to help prepare all students in the Montana public schools to become confident, competent writers by graduation. We support teachers by recruiting, training and supervising community volunteers who conference individually with every student in the classroom on writing assignments that require critical thinking and revision.

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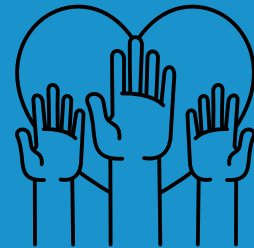
Writing Coaches of Montana is proud to have reconnected and grown school partnerships in Flathead, Missoula, & Ravalli Counties after the pandemic. In our 27th year as a nonprofit, we now offer in-person and online coaching sessions, maintaining the same quality of individualized literacy standards that have made us a reliable and quality educational partner to Montana public schools for decades.

OUR IMPACT

**Coached in 14 schools,
partnered with 31
teachers**



**\$10,296 of in-kind volunteer labor
donated by coaches**



Coached 3,089 sessions

**Trained 77 new coaches for a
total of 175**

- Coached in language arts, science, history, government & creative writing
- Coached every 8th grader in Missoula County Public Schools & every 4th grader in Whitefish Public Schools (in addition to many other classes in Flathead, Missoula, & Ravalli Counties)
- Endorsed by Montana OPI as a literacy best practice nonprofit
- Educated coaches in: connecting across generations, supporting multilingual students, motivating students according to developmental stage, & diversity, equity, and inclusion approaches

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"In my thirty years of teaching, and decades of partnering with WCM, I can unequivocally attest to the power of this program. Not only do students have one-on-one time to work with an attentive adult on their writing, but students also see that education, and writing in particular, matters to our community. " --Tammi Allison, Sentinel HS teacher (Missoula)



"I wish you could coach me on every assignment!" --Corvallis HS students (Ravalli)

"After a couple hours with enthusiastic young writers, you can't help but get fired up yourself. It's infectious." --Whitefish coach (Flathead)

LOOKING FORWARD

During the 2022-2023 school year, we look forward to:

- Beginning to discuss partnerships with **two new counties**: Yellowstone and Lake;
- Developing a **research study** with Drs. Beverly Chin and Stephanie Reid (University of Montana), measuring WCM's impact on students' literacy;
- Implementing the **strategic plan** created in February 2022 to guide programming & organizational development as we grow into a state-wide organization.



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