

**2013
MEA-MFT PASS
Paraprofessionals
Achieving
Standards
Successfully**

Conference Locations:

*August 5-9
(Reading & Math)
Holiday Inn, Bozeman*

MEA-MFT PASS is an intensive four-day course, designed to help Montana paraprofessionals meet Federal qualification standards contained in the No Child Left Behind Act. The course has been developed by and for Montana paraprofessionals and provides participants with important skills in classroom management as well as proven strategies in reading, writing, and math instruction, taught in a dynamic and fun setting. A nationally developed assessment is built directly into the four-day course, assuring that paraprofessionals who take the course can demonstrate evidence of content mastery to their local districts and the state of Montana.

Course materials are taken from the nationally recognized and award winning Educational Research and Dissemination (ER&D) program, developed by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). A team of highly trained educators from throughout the state are responsible for teaching the course. Each trainer has received over 70 hours of ER&D training at the national level.

Course Design:

MEA-MFT PASS is intended to be a fast-moving, highly interactive learning process for all participants. It involves a series of hands-on activities as well as informative lectures, discussions, and practice sessions that continually involve the learner as an active participant. Listed below are just a few of the topics included in the training:

- effective group management
- questioning strategies
- phonics
- fluency
- vocabulary
- narrative and expository texts
- comprehension strategies
- numeration
- word problems

Who Should Attend?

- Any paraprofessional who wants to gain new skills and capacity for helping students.
- Any paraprofessional who still needs to be deemed "highly qualified" in accordance with new Title I requirements. (Check with your local school district or union rep if you are unsure if you are affected by these requirements and to assure that PASS is recognized by your district).

How do I Register?

- Register online at http://www.mea-mft.org/our_members/k-12/education_support_professionals/pass_training_other_opportunities.aspx
- Participants must attend all four days.
- The courses will begin at 8:30 am and conclude by 5 pm each day.
- Pre-Registration is required. \$100 for MEA-MFT members and \$150 for nonmembers.
- Space is limited to 15 participants.

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