



OPI – Montana Advanced Opportunity Application

Fiscal Year 2028

**Application Window: Opens December 7, 2026 at 8am MST and closes
January 11, 2027 at 5pm MST**

Guidance: The application has the following requirements that you will be required to meet.

1. The application is a fillable form that you can complete and download to your computer.
2. The application checklist must have all the boxes marked to be a complete application.
3. The application must be approved in a board meeting of your trustees and signed by the board chair.
4. The application has two uploaded requirements: (a) the completed application checklist with board chair's signature and (b) your district's strategic plan as it refers to Advanced Opportunities.
5. The application submission will be a digital upload accessed on the OPI Advanced Opportunities web page using a Qualtrics link. The link becomes live at 8:00am MST on December 7th, 2026.
6. Districts with more than one LEA under a single governing board can submit a single combined application.

Submitter Name:

Email:

District Name:

LEA Name & Number:

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The district's board of trustees shall submit an application that has been approved by motion of the board of trustees and signed by the board chair to the Board of Public Education, on a form provided by the Office of Public Instruction.

Develop an Advanced Opportunity plan for each participating pupil.

Include in your strategic plan: appropriate planning horizons for implementation, measurable objectives to ensure accountability, and planned strategies that:

Develop a personalized, advanced opportunity plan for each participating pupil grades 6-12 that fosters student interest pathways for career and postsecondary opportunities that honors individual interests, passions, strengths, needs and culture and is supported through relationships among family, teachers, businesses, peers, post-secondary, and the larger community.

Embed community-based, experiential, online and work-based learning opportunities and foster a learning environment that incorporates both virtual and face-to-face connections.

Ensure equality of educational opportunity for all pupils of the district.

The school district's board chair signature affirms that the application has been completed and approved by the Board of Trustees. It is acknowledged that the full application will be kept at the district site. The checklist and any attached documents are affirmation that the required elements of SB 278 are part of the applicant's supporting documents.

School District Board Chair Printed Name

School District Board Chair Signature

Date