



Cooke City School - District 9
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Calling all families...to the Cooke City-Silver Gate community. Amazing opportunities await!

Cooke City School offers a unique and engaging learning environment for all K-8 grade learners, in a spectacular mountain town adjacent to Yellowstone National Park and three wilderness areas.

The one-room school setting allows for ample one-on-one and small-group instruction, by an award-winning teacher who understands that educational opportunities beyond the classroom fuel curiosity. Literacy, math, and science curriculum instruction is deepened through yearlong multidisciplinary units of study that take the students outside to apply their knowledge in real-world experiences. The many natural and cultural resources surrounding the Cooke City area serve as a perfect platform for a place-based approach to education, which creates meaningful learning that is relevant to the students' lives and develops confident life-long learners.

To maximize the success of all students, as many non-traditional methods of learning as possible are incorporated into the school year, such as field trips to historic sites and world-class museums, wildlife viewing with experts, in-field data collection, nature journaling, skishoeing, Ski P.E., day hikes and multi-day backpacking trips, high-altitude vegetable gardening and composting, studio time with professional artists, filmmaking, and stargazing. These are a handful of the discovery-based experiential learning opportunities that occur outside the classroom to enrich classroom experiences, reinforce curriculum instruction, and engage all learners.



The mission of Cooke City School is to:

Focus on the unique ecosystems, geology, and history of the local area
 Cultivate responsibility for nature & the environment
 Provide a solid academic foundation for all students
 Encourage creative problem-solving & critical thinking
 Provide avenues for creative self-expressions through the arts
 Nurture respect for & understanding of Indigenous cultures
 Foster social responsibility & Impart a lifelong love of learning

The Cooke City/Cooke Pass/Silver Gate community offers outdoor opportunities for the entire family. With the best out-your-door access to backcountry skiing and snowboarding, both groomed and off-trail snowmobiling, ice climbing, and cross country skiing...no one will get the winter blues here. Summer activities include fantastic lake or stream fishing and endless hiking, camping, horseback riding, and ATV adventures. Located adjacent to the Northeast Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the best wildlife viewing and wildlife photography opportunities in the nation begin right out your window and continue in all directions. Experience true mountain life!

For more information about Cooke City School please contact:

Lara Belice — Lead Teacher Cooke City School

2022 Montana Rural Teacher of the Year & National Rural Education Teacher of the Year National Runner-Up

2022 National Signature Project Award Recipient for *U.S. History through a Bison Lens*; classroom project

2024/2025 Official Selection of Four Montana Film Festivals - *Wondrous Night: Cooke City under Starlight*; student-teacher made film

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