



# Extended Curriculum Services

**Vision:** Extended Curriculum Services students value learning for growth and success.  
**Mission:** We provide challenging opportunities for our students to pursue interests and strengths in order to reach their full potential.

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Hello from Mr. Rieger,  
Extended Curriculum Services



I hope you are ready to embark on this journey with me this year. We will have a hard time predicting the course we will take, but rest assured we will have an adventure getting there. I hope you found some ways to have fun this summer. We will have more fun as we get started in the next couple of days. I will be meeting with groups to engage in team building activities, discuss our units and the Cs of Success, as well as lay the groundwork for our theme “Play, Passion, Purpose!”

I am excited to continue relationships from last year with students, parents and teachers. My schools this year are Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, and Riverview. I will still be the coordinator for the ECS program across the elementary district and will be working with a great team of three other ECS teachers. I have posted a schedule framework on my website ([www.mrjeffrieger.weebly.com](http://www.mrjeffrieger.weebly.com)) so you will know what days and times I will be at your schools. Students will have this information after our first meeting as well. For those of you who don't know me well yet, my name is Jeff Rieger. This is my 21st year of teaching for Great Falls Public Schools. I love spending time outdoors (fishing, hunting, hiking, gardening, and camping) with my family, reading, woodworking, and developing my skills as a teacher.

My theme for the year, “Play, Passion, Purpose.” I will engage students with challenging learning opportunities to the best of my abilities this year. I will continue to work with students in using a growth mindset to build their “Cs of Success” (commitment, communication, collaboration, creative innovation, and content knowledge). I read a great book this summer written on the topic of creating innovators. The author made the point of how parents and educators can foster innovation by encouraging “play” that helps children find their “passion”, and eventually develop their “purpose” in life. This fits hand in glove with my philosophy of gifted education. I will incorporate it into what we will do in ECS groups this year.

In closing, I am looking forward to a great year of learning and growth. I am excited to be your ECS teacher. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

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Thank you!

Mr. Jeff Rieger