

Katya Marandino-Irish has been teaching since 1977. She speaks 5 languages, holds three bachelor degrees, and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in the application of technology. Katya leads the number one ELA program in the state of Montana and she continues to be invaluable to the Great Falls program, its students, staff and state. Katya has had tremendous success in embedding technology into her everyday instruction and her expertise has been sought after within our district as well as being commissioned by the state of Montana to lead technology based professional development. Katya's knowledge of the immigration process has also been indispensable to those she works with as well as our district and state administrators.

Katya was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and is very proud to have become an American citizen by choice. She is passionate about her love of our Great Falls community and country in which she now calls home. Katya has been instrumental in successfully transitioning English language learners through technology, civic instruction, project-based learning, and work ethic training. Helping them to adapt, volunteer, work, become citizens, begin college or short-term training, and increase their skill sets through her ELA program.

Katya believes whole heartedly in George Washington Carver's quote that "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." She gives each individual she works with wings to fly. When Katya works with them, they not only fly but soar with great success!