

## **MEETING DIVERSE STUDENT NEEDS**

Students with diverse needs--those with unique abilities and/or disabilities--will have differentiated opportunities to achieve targets, benchmarks, and standards at rates and in manners consistent with their needs. Accommodations and modifications will be implemented to ensure that all students have the opportunity to meet established learning goals and to gain full access to the curriculum.

The needs of struggling learners will be met in a variety of ways in the classroom both through informal intervention and formally prescribed intervention, as necessary.

Gifted students and students of high ability require, at times, differentiated instruction and additional challenge beyond what the standard curriculum can provide. These provisions can include but are not limited to: more challenging content or assignments, critical and higher level thinking skills, instructional grouping, extension activities, and independent research.

## **TECHNOLOGY**

The integration of curriculum and technology is essential to prepare today's students for participation in a viable democratic society. Therefore, the MCPS Fine Arts Curriculum Committee views technology as integral to the Fine Arts curriculum.

## **LIBRARY MEDIA**

Teacher librarians play an essential role in curriculum implementation. They are important instructional partners and consultants in supporting and expanding existing curricula. As information specialists, teacher librarians work collaboratively with students, teachers, administrators, and parents to:

- Provide knowledge of availability and suitability of information resources to support the implementation of Montana and MCPS Standards. This is particularly relevant with the Indian Education for All Law.
- Partner in educating students, developing curricula, and integrating resources into teaching and learning.
- Serve as experts in organizing, synthesizing, and communicating information. Acquisition, organization, and dissemination of resources to support the curricular areas through the library media center are cost-effective methods for the entire school district.
- Teach and integrate literature and information skills into the curriculum. They plan and teach collaboratively based on the needs of the student.

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