

INSTRUCTION

Recognition of ~~Native American~~ American Indian Peoples' Culture and Heritage

~~The Board fully supports Article X of the Montana Constitution and is actively committed to develop for all students an understanding of American and Montana Indian people and their histories, as well as foster respect for their respective cultures.~~

~~Because of the unique position and place in American history, the American Indian peoples' role in the development of the United States, with emphasis on the experience of the Montana Tribes, shall be included wherever appropriate in the instruction of Missoula County Public School students, in accordance with the state Constitution and state standards. Instructions concerning the historic and current roles of Indian people shall be delivered in a respectful, informative, and sensitive manner. When the social studies curriculum and other curricula are updated according to the District's curriculum cycle, the written curriculum shall reflect this policy. Staff development will be provided pertinent to curriculum implementation.~~

~~Students may wear traditional American Indian tribal regalia or objects of cultural significance at public events including but not limited to graduation ceremonies.~~

The District recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of Native Americans and is committed in the District's educational goals to the preservation of such heritage.

In furtherance of the District's educational goals, the District is committed to:

- **Working cooperatively with Montana Tribes in close proximity to the District, when providing instruction, when implementing educational goals or adopting rules relating to education of students in the District;**
- **Periodically reviewing its curriculum to ensure the inclusion of cultural heritage of Native Americans, which will include but not necessarily be limited to:**
 - **Considering methods by which to provide books and materials reflecting authentic historical and contemporary portrayals of Native Americans;**
 - **Taking into account individual and cultural diversity and differences among students;**
- **Providing necessary training for school personnel, with the objective of gaining an understanding and awareness of Native American culture, which will assist the District's staff in its relations with Native American students and parents.**

The Board ~~may~~ requires certified staff to satisfy the requirements for instruction in American Indian studies when required by Montana law, set forth in § 20-1-503, MCA

NOTE: The District has nondiscriminatory policies in effect, which may be referenced.

Legal Reference:

Art. X, Sec. 1(2), Montana Constitution

§ 2-1-315 Tribal Regalia and Objects of Cultural Significance – Allowed at Public Events

§ 20-1-501, et seq., MCA Recognition of American Indian cultural heritage - ~~legislative intent~~ **Revised by House Bill 338)**

10.55.603 ARM Curriculum Development and Assessment

~~10.55.701 ARM Board of Trustees~~

10.55.803 ARM Learner Access

10.55.901 ARM Basic Education Program: Elementary

10.55.902 ARM Basic Education Program: Junior High, 7th and 8th Grade Program, or Middle School

10.55.904 ARM Basic Education Program Offerings: High School

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