

INSTRUCTION

Recognition of Native American Culture and Heritage

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 requires certified staff to satisfy the requirements for instruction in American Indian studies when required by Montana law.

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 – Revised by House Bill 338)
10.55.603 ARM	Curriculum Development and Assessment
10.55.803 ARM	Learner Access
10.55.901 ARM	Basic Education Program: Elementary
10.55.902 ARM	Basic Education Program: Junior High, 7 th and 8 th Grade Program, or Middle School
10.55.904 ARM	Basic Education Program Offerings: High School

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