

Cooperative Programs with Other Districts and Public Agencies

Whenever it appears to the economic, administrative, and/or educational advantage of the District to participate in cooperative programs with other units of local government, the Superintendent will prepare and present for Board consideration an analysis of each cooperative proposal.

When formal cooperative agreements are developed, such agreements shall comply with requirements of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, with assurances that all parties to the agreement have legal authority to engage in the activities contemplated by the agreement.

The District may enter into interlocal agreements with a unit of the Montana University System, public community college, and/or tribal college, which would allow students enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades to attend and earn credit for classes not available in the District. Tuition and fees, if assessed, will be provided for in the interlocal agreement.

The District may enter into an interlocal agreement providing for the sharing of teachers, specialists, superintendents, or other professional persons licensed under Title 37, MCA. If the District shares a teacher or specialist with another district(s), the District's share of such teacher's or specialist's compensation will be based on the total number of instructional hours expended by the teacher or the specialist in the District.

**The District may enter a multidistrict agreement with one or more districts for a district to provide culturally rooted instruction aligned to a learning environment for English language learners or an Indian language immersion program to pupils of a district participating in the multidistrict agreement.**

Legal Reference:      § 7-11-101, et seq., MCA  
                                 **§ 20-3-363, MCA**  
  
                                 § 20-3-363  
                                 § 20-7-451 through 456, MCA  
  
                                 § 20-7-801, et seq., MCA

Interlocal Cooperation Act  
**Multidistrict agreements – fund transfers (revised by House Bill 214)**  
Multidistrict agreements  
Authorization to create full service education cooperatives  
Public recreation

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