

Missoula County Public Schools

Instruction 2450

Recognition of American Indian Peoples' Culture and Heritage in the Curriculum Process

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.

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

Legal Reference:

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

§§ 20-1-501, et seq., MCA Recognition of American Indian cultural heritage - legislative intent

10.55.603 ARM Curriculum Development and Assessment

10.55.701 ARM Board of Trustees

10.55.803 ARM Learner Access

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