Literature Guidelines

Key Issues

1. State standards and curriculum guidelines require the following functions of literature and these functions must be reflected in the choices of literature
   • ♠ Critical thinking skills
   • ♠ Reading skills and strategies
   • ♠ Integration to writing

2. Literature choices must form a strong core of classic and contemporary literature consistent with the following guidelines
   • ♠ Meets the curriculum
   • ♠ Appropriate for students
   • ♠ Appropriate for designated grade level
   • ♠ High interest to students
   • ♠ Variety of authors and genres
   • ♠ Based on critical reviews of literature and educational value

3. Montana law requires Native American Literature at every grade level

Therefore the Curriculum Review Committee (summer 2003) suggests

1. New literature be reviewed and approved by a district literature committee comprised of representatives from each building.

2. A comprehensive inventory of novels for grades 9-12 be compiled

3. Novels be made available for use in all buildings depending on scheduling

4. Librarians serve as a critical resource for personal reading choices with students
   • ♠ Ex. Book reviews – a personal choice of a reading piece (novel, etc.)
Proposal for addition to literature curriculum/course

Submit proposals for new literature to the school department leader by January 1st of each school year.

1. Title ______________  2. Author ______________  3. ISBN Number ________

4. Publication information ________________________________________________

5. Proposed Course and semester ______________________________________

6. Instructor(s) submitting proposal _______________________________________

7. Plot Summary _________________________________________________________

8. Critical Reviews: List sources and attach copies of at least two (2) critical reviews

9. Education use and value: Describe the value and purpose of the proposed literature

10. Fill out and attach the Common Core Text Complexity Analysis Sheet

11. Approved / Disapproved Signature ________________________________________
Curriculum and Instruction Director