

Billings School District 2

INSTRUCTION

Digital Academy Classes

The District recognizes that the District and students may have a need for greater flexibility in the educational program due to a number of reasons including funding, teacher availability, individual learning styles, health conditions, employment responsibilities, lack of success in traditional school environments and/or a desire for students to accelerate their learning and work at the college level before leaving high school. The District acknowledges that online learning solutions offered by online learning solutions providers including the Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) may fulfill these needs.

The Superintendent, and/or designees, shall be responsible for developing procedures for the online learning program that meet the District standards.

Further, the District shall require that:

- A. Online course providers are accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation program or agency or are approved and endorsed by the Montana Office of Public Instruction.
- B. Qualified district staff provides information and guidance to students and parents regarding the selection of appropriate online courses to meet their needs, as well as a suitable number of online courses in which a student may enroll.
- C. The curriculum requirements of the state and school district are met.
- D. All online courses taken by the students will be approved by the administration in advance of enrollment.
- E. All teacher-led online courses include licensed, highly qualified teachers.

Legal Reference: §20-7-1201, MCA Montana digital academy – purposes - governance
 §20-7-1202, MCA Funding – rulemaking authority

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