

3 **INSTRUCTION**

5 Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage

7 In compliance with Article X of Montana's Constitution:

9 The District recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of Native Americans and is  
10 committed in its ~~the~~ educational goals to the preservation of such heritage consistent with Article  
11 X, Section 1 (2) of the Montana Constitution.

13 It is the goal of the District to establish a system of education which will develop the full  
14 potential of each person through equality of educational opportunity as guaranteed by the state.

16 In furtherance of the District's educational goals, the District is committed to:

- 18 1. Working cooperatively with Montana tribes in close proximity to the District, when  
19 providing instruction, when implementing educational goals or adopting rules relating to  
20 education of students in the District;
- 21 2. Periodically, reviewing its curriculum to ensure the inclusion of the cultural heritage of  
22 Native Americans, which will include but not necessarily limited to:
  - 23 a. Considering methods by which to provide books and materials reflecting  
24 authentic historical and contemporary portrayals of Native Americans;
  - 25 b. Taking into account individual and cultural diversity and differences among  
26 students;
- 27 3. Providing training for school personnel, with the objective of gaining an understanding  
28 and awareness of Native American culture which will assist the District's staff in its  
29 relations with Native American students and parents.

31 The Board requires certified staff to satisfy the requirements for instruction in American  
32 Indian studies, set forth in § 20-1-503, MCA, if an Indian Education for All payment is  
33 issued to the District under § 20-9-329, MCA

35 Cross Reference:

36 Policy 2120	Instruction
37 Policy 2140	Guidance and Counseling
38 Policy 3210	Students

40 Legal Reference:

41 Art. X, 1(2), Montana Constitution	
42 § 20-1-501, et. seq., MCA	Recognition of American Indian cultural heritage – legislative 43 intent
44 10.55.603 ARM	Curriculum Development and Assessment
45 10.55.701 ARM	Board of Trustees
46 10.55.803 ARM	Learner Access

1	Chapter 718 (2023)	Indian Education for All
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3	<u>Policy History:</u>	
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