

**Thompson Falls School District**

**INSTRUCTION**

**2450**

Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage

The District recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of Native Americans and is committed in the District’s educational goals to the preservation of such heritage.

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

Working in consultation with Montana Tribes in close proximity to the District, when providing instruction, when implementing educational goals or adopting rules relating to education of students in the District;

Periodically reviewing its curriculum to ensure the inclusion of cultural heritage of Native Americans, which will include but not necessarily be limited to:

Considering methods by which to provide books and materials reflecting authentic historical and contemporary portrayals of Native Americans;

Taking into account individual and cultural diversity and differences among students;

Providing necessary training for school personnel, with the objective of gaining an understanding and awareness of Native American culture, which will assist the District’s staff in its relations with Native American students and parents.

The Board requires certified staff to satisfy the requirements for instruction in American Indian studies when required by Montana law.

Legal Reference:	Art. X, Sec. 1(2), Montana Constitution
	§§ 20-1-501, <i>et seq.</i> , MCA Indian Education for All ( <i>revised by Senate Bill 181</i> )
	10.55.603 ARM Curriculum and Assessment
	10.55.803 ARM Learner Access
	10.55.901 ARM Basic Education Program: Elementary
	10.55.902 ARM Basic Education Program: Junior High, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Program, or Middle School
	10.55.904 ARM Basic Education Program Offerings: High School

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