

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage

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

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

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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.

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

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- 18 1. Working in consultation with Montana tribes in close proximity to the District, when
- 19 developing courses of study, when providing instruction, when implementing educational
- 20 goals or adopting rules relating to 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.

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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

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35 Cross Reference:

36 Policy 2000	Goals
37 Policy 2120	Instruction
38 Policy 2140	Guidance and Counseling
39 Policy 3210	Students

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41 Legal Reference:

42 Art. X, 1(2), Montana Constitution	Education Goals and Duties
43 § 20-1-501, et. seq., MCA	Recognition of American Indian Cultural Heritage –
44	Legislative Intent
45 § 20-1-503, MCA	Indian Education for All
46 10.55.603 ARM	Curriculum Development and Assessment

1	10.55.701 ARM	Board of Trustees
2	10.55.803 ARM	Learner Access
3	SB181	
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