

Recognition of American Indian Peoples' Culture and Heritage in the Curriculum Process

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 cooperatively with Montana Tribes in close proximity to the District when providing instruction, when implementing educational goals or when adopting rules relating to education of students in the District. The District will periodically review 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, and taking into account individual and cultural diversity and differences among students.

The District will provide the necessary training to 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. Certified staff may be required to satisfy the requirements for instruction in American Indian studies.

Legal References:	§ 20-1-501, MCA	Recognition of American Indian
		Cultural Heritage – legislative intent
	10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
	10.55.603, ARM	Curriculum and Assessment

Policy History:

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