

1 **2450 Instruction**

2 Recognition of Native American Cultural Heritage

3 **In compliance with Article X of Montana's Constitution:**

4 The District recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of Native Americans and is committed in
5 its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

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

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

- 9 1. Working with Montana tribes in close proximity to the District, when providing instruction, when
10 implementing educational goals or adopting rules relating to education of students in the District;
11 2. Periodically, reviewing its curriculum to ensure the inclusion of the cultural heritage of Native
12 Americans, including adopting of materials reflecting authentic historical and contemporary
13 portrayals of Native Americans;
14 3. Working to depict an accurate and unbiased account of individual and cultural diversity and
15 differences among students;
16 4. Providing training for school personnel, with the objective of gaining an understanding and
17 awareness of Native American culture;
18 5. The Board may require certified staff to satisfy the requirements in American Indian studies, set
19 forth in 20-1-503, MCA.

20 Cross Reference:

21 2120 Instruction

22 2140 Guidance and Counseling

23 3210 Students

24 Legal Reference:

25 Art. X, 1(2), Montana Constitution

26 20-1-501, et. seq., MCA Recognition of American Indian cultural heritage – legislative intent

27 10.55.603 ARM Curriculum Development and Assessment

28 10.55.701 ARM Board of Trustees

29 10.55.803 ARM Learner Access

30 Policy History:

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