

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 Policy #

4 Policy Name: *Multidistrict Agreements*

5 *Regulation:*

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7 It is the policy of the District to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the District’s resources
8 by utilizing multidistrict agreements whenever possible.
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10 Montana law (20-3-363, MCA) allows the boards of trustees of any two or more school districts
11 to enter into a multidistrict agreement to create a multidistrict cooperative to perform any
12 services, activities, and undertakings of the participating districts and to provide for the joint
13 funding and operation and maintenance of all participating districts upon the terms and conditions
14 as may be mutually agreed to by the districts
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16 The agreement must be approved by the boards of trustees of all participating districts and must
17 include a provision specifying terms upon which a district may exit the multidistrict cooperative.
18 The agreement may be for a period of up to 3 years.
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20 All expenditures in support of the multidistrict agreement may be made from the interlocal
21 cooperative fund as specified in [20-9-703](#) and [20-9-704](#). Each participating district of the
22 multidistrict cooperative may transfer funds into the interlocal cooperative fund from the district's
23 general fund, budgeted funds other than the retirement fund or debt service fund, or non-budgeted
24 funds other than the compensated absence liability fund. Transfers to the interlocal cooperative
25 fund from each participating school district's general fund are limited to an amount not to exceed
26 the direct state aid in support of the respective school district's general fund. Transfers from the
27 retirement fund and debt service fund are prohibited. Transfers may not be made with funds
28 restricted by federal law unless the transfer is in compliance with any restrictions or conditions
29 imposed by federal law.
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31 Expenditures from the interlocal cooperative fund are limited to those expenditures that are
32 permitted by law and that are within the final budget for the budgeted fund from which the
33 transfer was made.
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35 If transfers of funds are made from a District fund supported by a non-voted levy, the District
36 may not increase its non-voted levy for the purpose of restoring the amount of funds transferred.
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38 Examples of flexibility under this policy and Montana Law include but are not limited to:

- 39 ➤ A district with a separate high school and elementary budget can enter into an agreement within
40 the district;
- 41 ➤ A district may enter into an agreement with any other school district(s) for the sharing of
42 resources, including supplies, services, personnel, etc.
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44 **Legal Reference:** 20-3-363, MCA Multidistrict agreements – fund transfers
45 20-9-703, MCA District as prime agency
46 2-9-704, MCA District as cooperating agency
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48 **Policy History:**

49 Adopted on: 1/10/17

50 Amended on: