

## **Browning Public Schools**

Policy: #4020

Policy Name: *Accreditation Standards and Curriculum Development*

Regulation:

### **Accreditation Standards**

The Board will review Montana State accreditation standards annually and provide in each school building at least one (1) copy of the standards for staff and public review.

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for developing and implementing a curriculum designed to provide for sequential intellectual and skill development necessary for students to progress on a continuous basis from the elementary through secondary school.

The Superintendent is directed to ensure curriculum development, which results in instructional programs that contribute to Browning Public Schools meeting state accreditation standards and secondary school accreditation through Northwest Accreditation.

### **Curriculum Development**

In order to achieve a shared understanding of District curriculum among instructional staff and the community, the Board shall strive to set forth:

1. A clear statement of expectations and purposes for the District's instructional program;
2. A provision for staff, resources and support to achieve the stated expectations and purposes; and
3. A plan for evaluating instructional programs and services to determine how well expectations and purposes are being met.

The curriculum for content areas will be evaluated and considered for updating in order to ensure compliance with state standards at least every 5 years. However, curriculum and materials related to rapidly changing content areas such as technology and science may need more frequent revision.

### **Curriculum Guides**

Curriculum guides as adopted by the Board of Trustees will outline the prescribed course of instruction. When no guide has been adopted, the adopted textbooks shall serve to supplement the available State of Montana guidelines. Montana content standards will be reflected in published District curriculum

**Cross Reference:** Curriculum Council Bylaws  
#4000 Instructional Policy  
#4030 Student/Program Evaluation, Testing and Data Generated  
Former Policy # 703.1

**Legal Reference:** 10.55.701 ARM, et. seq. Standards for Accreditation of Montana Schools  
State of Montana Content Standards

1 20-7-101 MCA Standards of Accreditation  
2 20-7-102 MCA Accreditation of Schools  
3 20-7-111 MCA Instruction in Public Schools.  
4 20-7-113 MCA Maintenance of Curriculum Guide File and Publishing  
5 Curriculum Guides by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
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