

Browning Public Schools

Policy: #4400

Policy Name: *Additional Instructional & Alternative Instructional Opportunities*

Regulation: -----

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to research, design and propose instructional opportunities and settings in addition to the traditional school schedule which follows a business day and in is based on an agrarian calendar.

To this end, various alternative offerings will be considered for implementation. All programs are subject to yearly annual reviews by the Board of Trustees.

Summer Program

The District's summer program of instructional offering shall be for the purpose of re-mediation of credit, maintenance of skills, and enrichment. All classes offered for credit must meet minimum, State requirements for accreditation. Re-mediation credit courses shall be offered grades 9-12, in accordance with District advancement requirements.

- Night School
- Core class offerings will be available for high school students after the traditional school day.
- Correspondence Courses

A student of Browning Public Schools may enroll in an approved correspondence course from a school approved by the National University Extension Association, in order that such a student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student's educational program.

Credit for correspondence courses may be granted provided the following requirements are met:

- a) prior permission has been granted by the principal
- b) curriculum objectives in the correspondence course are aligned with District curriculum
- c) credit is granted for the following approved schools:
 - 1) schools approved by the National University Extension Association or through one of the schools approved by the National Home Study Council;
 - 2) community colleges, vocational-technical institutes, four-year colleges and universities and State-approved private schools in the state of Montana; and
 - 3) other schools or institutions which are approved by the District after evaluation by the high school principal in order to determine applicable particular course offering.

The District shall not be obligated to pay for a student's correspondence courses.

Work Study

Work-study instructional offerings will be coordinated with district established and maintained vocational education courses and programs which comply with k-12 vocational standards adopted by the superintendent of public instruction.

1 **Open Entry/Exit Contractual Credit Offerings**

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3 Alternatives for students who have dropped out of school or are identified as “at risk” shall exist,
4 which allow credit accumulation through meeting course contractual obligations including exit
5 assessment within a 12- month period.
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7 **Adult Education**

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9 The District makes its resources available to adults and other non-students within the limits of
10 budget, staff and facilities, provided there is no interference with or impairment of the regular school
11 program. Community, school, adult education and other offerings may be developed in cooperation
12 with community representatives, subject to approval and authorization by the Board.
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14 **Alternative School**

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16 The Board recognizes that students vary greatly in their needs, and that school programs require
17 adaptability to meet those needs. While the variety of interests and desires of all students and
18 parents cannot be met within the regular high school program, the Board authorizes the
19 establishment of an alternative high school program. Establishment of the alternative program will
20 be governed by the following criteria:
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- 22 a) the program must be consistent with district policies and procedures.
23 b) all aspects of the program must be in compliance with appropriate state and federal laws.
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30 **Cross Reference:** #4500 Graduation
31 #4025 Accreditation Standards and Curriculum Development
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33 **Legal Reference:** 20-7-116 MCA Supervised Correspondence Study
34 20-7-703 MCA Trustees Policies for Adult Education
35 20-7-303 MCA Authorization to Establish and Maintain Vocational Education
36 Courses and Programs
37 20-7-905 MCA Graduation Requirements
38 20-7-906 MCA High School Credit
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40 **Policy History:**

41 Adopted on: 5/31/00
42 Amended on: 4/13/04
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