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## **INSTRUCTION**

2170

### Digital Academy Classes

The District recognizes that the District and students may have a need for greater flexibility in the educational program due to funding, teacher availability, individual learning styles, health conditions, employment responsibilities, lack of success in traditional school environments or a desire for students to accelerate their learning and work at the college level before leaving high school. The District acknowledges that online learning solutions offered by the Montana Digital Academy (MTDA) may fulfill these needs.

MTDA is authorized by Montana law to charge fees for students to access offered courses. The District shall pay fees for students enrolled in an MTDA class that is required for graduation as specified in District policy or the student handbook or as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The District may charge students a reasonable fee for an MTDA course or activity not required for graduation. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to waive the fee in cases of financial hardship.

The Superintendent, and/or designees, shall be responsible for developing procedures for the online learning program ~~that meet the District standards for~~ that address related topics that may include but are not limited to specification and determination of graduation requirements and fee collection for classes that are not required.

Further, the online learning solutions providers ensure that:

- A. Online course providers are accredited by a nationally recognized accreditation program or agency or are approved and endorsed by the Montana Office of Public Instruction.
- B. Qualified district staff provides information and guidance to students and parents regarding the selection of appropriate online courses to meet their needs, as well as a suitable number of online courses in which a student may enroll.
- C. The curriculum requirements of the state and school district are met.
- D. All online courses taken by the students will be approved by the administration in advance of enrollment.
- E. All teacher-led online courses include licensed, highly qualified teachers.

Cross Reference:	2100	School Calendar and Day
	<u>2170P</u>	<u>Digital Academy Procedures</u>
	<u>3520</u>	<u>Student Fees and Fines</u>

Legal Reference:	§20-7-1201, MCA	Montana digital academy – purposes - governance
	§20-7-1202, MCA	Funding – rulemaking authority
	<u>§20-9-213, MCA</u>	<u>Fees</u>

- 1 Policy History:
- 2 Adopted on:
- 3 Reviewed on:
- 4 Revised on: