

Billings School District 2

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Cooperative Programs with Other Districts and Public Agencies

Whenever it appears to the economic, administrative, or educational advantage of the District to participate in cooperative programs with other units of local government, the Superintendent will prepare and present for Board consideration an analysis of each cooperative proposal.

As formal cooperative agreements are developed, the Superintendent will see that they comply with requirements of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, with assurances that all parties to an agreement have legal authority to engage in the activities contemplated by an agreement.

The District may enter into interlocal agreements with a unit of the Montana University System, public community college, or tribal college that will allow students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 to attend and earn credit for classes not available in the District. Tuition and fees, if assessed, will be provided for in the interlocal agreement.

The District may enter into an interlocal agreement that provides for the sharing of teachers, specialists, or superintendents or other professional persons licensed under Title 37, MCA. The District's portion of compensation for a teacher or specialist shared with another district will be based on the total number of instructional hours expended by a teacher or a specialist in School District 2.

<u>Legal References:</u>	§§ 7-11-101, et seq., MCA	Interlocal Cooperation Act
	§§ 20-7-451 through 456, MCA	Authorization to create full service education cooperatives
	§§ 20-7-801, et seq., MCA	Public recreation

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