

SB 272: Cultural Integrity Commitment Act

Assurances Checklist

AN ACT STRENGTHENING MONTANA’S COMMITMENT IN ITS EDUCATIONAL GOALS TO THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL INTEGRITY AS STATED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION; ENCOURAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CREATE INDIAN LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FUNDING; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; INCLUDING AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SPECIALISTS IN THE QUALITY EDUCATOR PAYMENT; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-327, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

School District Applying _____ LE Code: _____

Dates of Proposed Program _____

Directions:

Please complete the check boxes agreeing to the mandatory assurances and complete the narrative sections below.

Section	Assurances	
Definitions	(1) “Eligible district” means a school district encompassing or adjacent to an Indian reservation or a school district that includes one or more schools with an Indian population of 10% or greater.	
	(2) “Immersion program” means a program of an eligible district in which: a) all participating students receive content area instruction in an Indian language at least 50% of the day;	
	Please describe how your program will meet this assurance including the instructional minutes in both the Indian language and English.	
	b) teachers are fully proficient in the languages they use for instruction; and	
	Please include the names of the teachers and their OPI-assigned SEID numbers who will be the primary instructor(s) for this program.	
	c) the goal of the program is perpetuating cultural integrity and promoting bilingualism and biliteracy.	
	Please describe how your program will meet this assurance.	
	(3) “Indian languages” means any of the languages of the tribes located on the seven Montana reservations and the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.	
	Name the Indian language of instruction.	



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Optional Collaboration Supports

Please describe how your program will use these supports.

Indian language immersion programs-funding-flexibility	(1) School districts are encouraged to create Indian language immersion programs and in doing so:
	a) collaborate with other school districts, the Montana digital academy, tribal governments, and tribal colleges;
	b) utilize materials produced in the Montana Indian language preservation pilot program pursuant to section 1, Chapter 410, Laws of 2013
	c) utilize American Indian language and culture specialists as teachers of language and culture; and
	d) look to existing native language schools in Montana and around the world for guidance and best practices.

If approved, you will be contacted by Gail Harms in order to obtain enrolled student information for funding purposes

Please submit the completed form to Mandy Smoker Broaddus at The Office of Public Instruction.

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