

Title 16 – Tribal Education Code

Chapter 3. School Board and Governing Bodies

Sec. 301. School Boards.

(a) State law and Tribal law govern school boards. State law, including but not limited to that set forth in Title 20 of the Montana Code Annotated, governs school boards. In addition, school boards are subject to this Tribal Education Code, and other Tribal law as specified in this Code and as otherwise permitted by federal law and Tribal law.

(b) School boards to cooperate with the Tribal Education Department. School boards shall ensure that their schools and staff cooperate with the Tribal Education Department in the implementation of this Code and in addressing other education problems and issues that arise on the Reservation. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to: providing written educational data to the Tribal Education Department annually following the format specified by the Department; ensuring that their educators participate effectively in the human network system provided for by this Code; and ensuring that their administrators participate effectively in the on-site assessment evaluation teams provided for by this Code.

(c) School boards to provide policies and procedures to Tribal Education Department and align them with Tribal Education Code. School boards shall provide a complete and current copy of all existing written policies and procedures regarding school governance to the Tribal Education Department. School boards shall annually provide copies of any and all amended or new policies to the Department. Existing policies and procedures which are inconsistent with this Code are subject to revision with technical assistance from the Tribal Education Department. Amended or new policies shall be aligned with relevant provisions of the Tribal Education Code before their adoption by the school board.

(d) School boards to include Tribal Education Department in their established processes for reviewing curriculum, education standards, and educational policies and programs. Because such

inclusion may be necessary to the development by the Department of tribal curriculum, education standards, and educational policies and programs under this Code, school boards shall include the Tribal Education Department in their established processes used for reviewing applicable curriculum, education standards, and educational policies and programs.

(e) School boards to ensure that local schools include Tribal curriculum in their curriculum and standards. School boards shall ensure that local schools provide instruction that is in substantial compliance with the Tribal curriculum provided for and developed under this Tribal Education Code.

(f) School boards to ensure that local schools attain Tribal education standards. School boards shall ensure that local schools attain or meet the Tribal education standards provided for and developed under this Tribal Education Code.

(g) School boards to provide Tribal educational programs. School boards shall ensure that local schools provide the Tribal educational programs provided for and developed under this Tribal Education Code.