

Cooperative Programs

Independent Schools

The District shall cooperate with home, private and parochial schools, including day care agencies, both in federally assisted programs and other aspects of District operations in ways that are required by law. The primary obligation of the District shall be to its students, and such cooperation shall not interfere with or diminish the quality of services offered to its students.

Cooperative Programs with Other Districts and Public Agencies

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

When formal cooperative agreements are developed, such agreements shall comply with the requirements of the Inter-local Cooperation Act, with assurances that all parties to the agreement have the legal authority to engage in the activities contemplated by the agreement.

Cooperative Programs with Business and the Business Community

The Board believes that cooperation and support between the District and the business community is mutually beneficial. In addition, the school system has a major role in the economic life of the business community. Therefore, the District will:

1. strive to achieve and maintain a philosophy of partnership with the local business community;
2. seek to promote cooperative projects that will be beneficial to the education of young people in the District;
3. strive to recognize contributions from the business community;
4. join and participate in those major organizations representing the business community and identified as appropriate for District membership by the County Superintendent;
5. evaluate business requests/proposals on an individual basis.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-7-451through456, MCA	Authorization to create full service special education cooperative
	§ 20-7-800, et seq., MCA	Public recreation
	§ 7-11-100, et seq., MCA	Inter-local Agreements

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