

Montana Board of Public Education

Mission Statement: The Board of Public Education has a mission statement as directed by Article X, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution, which states, “There is a board of public education to exercise general supervision over the public school system and such other public educational institutions as may be assigned by law”. The Board of Public Education was established to supervise, serve, maintain, and strengthen Montana's system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools.

Priority	Goals	Measure
Exercise the Board’s constitutional and statutory authority to improve Montana’s education system.		
	Work with constitutional education authorities to ensure they understand and respect the constitutional authority of the Board of Public Education.	Analyze proposed legislation and educate legislators when needed.
	Collaborate with constitutional education authorities around initiatives to improve and support public education in Montana.	Participate in meetings when invited
	Promote and maintain a transparent and open public participation process.	Refer to statute when managing the Board's six regularly scheduled meetings and other activities
Promote a safe learning environment.		
	Work with education partners to help school districts navigate federal and state regulations and funding.	Share information at Board meetings
	Assign the Executive Director and a Board of Public Education representative to participate in the Montana School Safety Advisory Committee meetings.	Maintain attendance and regular participation
Evaluate and adopt the Board’s accreditation standards to ensure they are contemporary and effective to improve quality education for all Montana students.		
	Maintain the Board’s commitment to rigorous standards and assessments, and support flexibilities within the current frameworks.	Use research and data to guide standards revisions when necessary
	Collaborate with education partners in support of drafting and implementing state standards, including efforts around licensing, content, transportation, assessment, accreditation, educator preparation programs, and other standards under the Board of Public Education’s purview.	Use research and data to guide standards revisions when necessary

Foster quality teaching and administration.		
	Work with legislators and other entities to ensure they understand the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Public Education.	Increase communication and participation in legislative meetings, events, gatherings
	Adopt revisions to the Administrative Rules of Montana that are within the Board of Public Education's authority.	Use research and data to guide standards revisions when necessary
	Work with partners in P-12 and higher education to coordinate recruitment and retention efforts of teachers, staff, and school leaders.	Use research and licensure data to guide decision making and strategies
	Receive guidance from the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council and take action on its recommendations, when appropriate.	Evaluate data and research necessary to the work of the Board and request guidance
Support the preparation of all Montana students for employment, post-secondary education, and civic life.		
	Work to support and expand pathways to career and life success through dual enrollment, internships, work-based learning, etc.	Use research and data to guide standards revisions when necessary, and promote flexibility to ensure implementation of these programs
	Collaborate with the Montana Digital Academy to support online instruction for students.	Increase communication and participation in MTDA meetings to support the increase in digital programming
	Plan and prepare for the Board of Education meetings to support P-20 priorities and adopt a unified education budget.	Work with OBPP and Governor's Office to prepare for Board of Education meetings
	Receive guidance from the Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education and take action on its recommendations, when appropriate.	Evaluate data and research necessary to the work of the Board and request guidance
Recognize and fulfill the Board's statutory obligation to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.		
	Hire, support, and evaluate the Superintendent of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB).	Develop and implement processes
	Support and act on personnel items, out of state travel requests, policies, and other items.	Ensure information is included in Board agendas and time is available for discussion
	Assign the Executive Director and MSDB liaison to participate in the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind Foundation meetings.	Maintain attendance and regular participation