

VARIANCES TO STANDARDS APPLICATION

Initial Application (two years)

Purpose: [ARM 10.55.604\(1\)](#) "A local board of trustees may apply to the Board of Public Education through the Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement a variance to a standard or a section of standards, excluding standards stating statutory criteria, standards pertaining to educator licensure or endorsement, and content standards as defined by the Board of Public Education and provided in guidance from the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

DUE DATES (check one)

COUNTY:

DISTRICT:

LIST EACH SCHOOL THAT IS REQUESTING THE VARIANCE:

1. Standard(s) for which a variance is requested, e.g., 10.55.709. If there is a program delivery standard, be sure to list it as well, e.g., 10.55.1801.

2. Provide evidence that local community stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed variance. Community stakeholder groups include parents, community members, and students as applicable.

3. Provide evidence that local school stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed variance. School stakeholder groups include trustees, administrators, teachers and classified school staff.

7. List specific measurable objectives that demonstrate the proposed variance will meet or exceed the results under the current standard(s).

8. What data or evidence will be gathered to document progress toward meeting the measurable objectives?

9. Describe how and why the proposed variance would be:

a. Workable.

b. Educationally sound.

c. Where applicable, aligned with program standards under ARM 10.55.1101 through 10.55.2101.

d. Where applicable, aligned with content standards under ARM Chapters 53 and 54.

Required school district signatures:

Board Chair Name: _____

Board Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____

Superintendent Name: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____ Date _____

Mail the signed form to:

**Accreditation and Educator Preparation Division
Office of Public Instruction
PO Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501**

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Superintendent of Public Instruction: _____ Date _____

____ Approve ____ Deny

Board of Public Education Chair _____ Date _____

____ Approve ____ Deny