

## **VARIANCES TO STANDARDS APPLICATION**

### **Renewal Application (three years)**

**Purpose 10.55.604(4): “Following the second year of implementation of a variance to standards, the school district shall provide evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the methods selected by the district implement, meet, or exceed results that could have been achieved under established standards.”**

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**DUE DATE:**

**First Monday in March**

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**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/content 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 renewal variance application. Community stakeholder groups include parents, community members, and students as applicable.**
3. **Provide evidence local school stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed renewal variance application. School stakeholder groups include trustees, administrators, teachers and classified school staff.**
4. **Attach Board of Trustee meeting minutes that show the Board of Trustees approved the application for a renewal variance at an official, properly noticed meeting.**
5. **Reflection upon initial variance:**
  - a. **Describe the specific goals, measurable objectives, and rationale that describe the initial variance and how the proposed variance was to meet or exceed the results under the current standard(s). Include how the variance was workable and educationally sound.**
  - b. **How were these goals and objectives met or exceeded? (Implementation)**

- c. Provide a summary of the evidence or data gathered to demonstrate that the initial variance meets or exceeds results that could have been achieved under the established standard. (Examples may include, but are not limited to: student performance trends, if applicable, specific goals being addressed through AdvancED, etc. Do not include lesson plans, library monthly checkout logs, or calendars).
  - d. What evidence, do you anticipate, will be collected for the renewal application's goals/objectives?
6. After reflection of the evidence/data gathered on the initial variance, what is the status of your renewal application?

Continue with current goals and measurable objectives (state)

Propose new goals and measurable objectives for renewal application (state)

Adjustments to implementation need to be made to meet or exceed standard (state)

### 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 \_\_\_\_ Disapprove

Board of Public Education Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_ Disapprove