



Montana

Office of Public Instruction

Chapter 57
Review and Recommendations
Task Force Updates Education
Advocates- July 20, 2021

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Co-Facilitators

- ★ Jacob Williams | Senior Researcher | Region 17 Comprehensive Center
 - Provides expertise in facilitation, guides conversations, asks key questions

- ★ Crystal Andrews | Educator Licensure Director | Office of Public Instruction
 - Provides research, historical data, and input from the OPI staff
 - Creates agendas, power points, and meeting times

Members

- ★ Task Force consists of 25 members including administrators, trustees, teachers, parents, EPP representatives
 - Meets weekly
 - Forms recommendations for revisions to present to the Superintendent

- ★ Feedback Group consists of 17 members including similar to above
 - Meets once a month
 - Gives input on Task Force recommendations and makes suggestions to review



Quality Educator

What defines a quality educator?

- strong relationship and commitment to students
- master at their skill (strong content knowledge and pedagogy)
- ability to adapt to change and continuously improve
- passionate about learning- growth mindset



Norms of Behavior & Process Agreement

We agree that we will move forward with changes once consensus is reached.

Consensus does not mean unanimous, but does mean:

- I can live with the decision.
- I will support my colleagues in implementing this decision.
- I will do absolutely nothing to impede the implementation of the decision.

All consensuses will be reached in a public forum.

Consensus Vote:

Simple majority

• Super majority (>60%)

• Only one dissenter

• Only two dissenters

Topics

Some of the key topics taken from research, surveys, and focus group feedback:

- Counselor to Administrator Pathway
- Reciprocity
 - coursework, experience, assessments, advanced credentials, military spouses, alternate pathways, endorsements
- Praxis Assessment
- Class 4 & 8 Licenses