

## HOUSE BILL NO. 508

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE GOAL FOR PUBLIC  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION IN MEDIA LITERACY; AND  
AMENDING SECTION 20-1-102, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 20-1-102, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-1-102. Legislative goals for public elementary and secondary schools.** It is the goal of the  
legislature that Montana's public elementary and secondary school system, in cooperation with parents or  
guardians, create a learning environment for each student that:

(1) develops a sound foundation for literacy and numeracy during the early years that is built upon  
on and reinforced throughout the educational experience;

(2) furthers the ability to reason critically, creatively, and strategically;

(3) fosters the ability to effectively understand and communicate ideas, knowledge, and thoughts;

(4) develops a sense of personal and civic responsibility;

(5) provides an in-depth understanding of the American political, social, and economic systems  
and the historical context from which they arose;

(6) provides familiarization with political, social, and economic systems found elsewhere in the  
world;

(7) strengthens media literacy, including:

(a) developing the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and act using all forms of  
communication; and

(b) reducing susceptibility to disinformation, misinformation, propaganda, and indoctrination.

~~(7)~~(8) develops a strong work ethic, postsecondary readiness, and employment skills;

~~(8)~~(9) encourages a healthy lifestyle; and

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