

Curriculum Specialists		Agency/Program #: 3501-06-I1
		Division: State Education Activities
		Program:
Agency Name:	Office of Public Instruction	
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Program or Project Description:

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	959,700	283,483	924,816		
State Special					
Federal Funds					
Total:	\$959,700	\$283,483	\$924,816	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):

Curriculum Specialists

Legislative Performance Measures :

1. Develop model curriculum in Science (Science Content and Performance Standards were revised in September 2006) and model curriculum for Full-Time Kindergarten and disseminate to Montana schools.
2. Revise content and performance standards in two academic content areas and disseminate to Montana schools.
3. Provide on-site assistance to Montana schools using effective schools research and peer reviewers. Curriculum specialists will assist Montana educators in the revisions of their Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plans and meeting accreditation standards.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Hire six curriculum specialists	12/1/2007	On-going
2	Develop and disseminate model curriculum for Science and Full-Time Kindergarten	6/30/2008	
3	Develop and disseminate revised content and performance standards for Mathematics, Library/Media, and Technology	6/30/2008	
4	Provide assistance to Montana educators in the revision of the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan	6/30/2008	
5	Train reviewers and conduct on-site reviews of two higher education teacher education preparation programs.	6/30/2008	

Conduct on-site reviews of school districts to provide assistance in the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan and meet accreditation standards	6/30/2008	
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Agency Performance Report:

Hired four curriculum specialists (Library Media, Middle School/At Risk, Science, Mathematics). OPI has developed a statewide dissemination and implementation plan for the new Science Standards, corresponding materials and online professional development module. Full-Time Kindergarten Model curriculum is being developed by a team of educators. Phase I, which includes a framework for the model curriculum, is targeted to be finished by June 30, 2008. Completed draft standards for Library/Media and Technology content areas and provided to the Board of Public Education at its May meeting the proposed Notice of Public Hearing for Information Literacy/Library Media and Technology Content Standards and Performance Descriptors. Mathematics standards development is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008. Completed RFP selection process; hired contractor to develop web-based online application of the 5YCEP. Revised timeline is for on-site review teams to begin reviews of UM-Western and MSU-Bozeman teacher preparation programs in FY 2009. Provided on-site and electronic support and assistance to schools and districts in completing effectiveness reports

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Warning

DATA RELEVANCE: The information reported in the Agency Performance section relates to the legislative goals and performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided

COMMENTS/ISSUES: OPI has hired 4 curriculum specialists but needs to hire 2 more to meet its goals.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Dismiss from further review
- 2) Review again in October 2008
- 3) Request additional information
- 4) Upgrade or downgrade the rating



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