# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF MONTANA CONSTITUTION



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#### **ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be School Administrators of Montana, hereinafter referred to as "SAM."

#### **ARTICLE II – SAM Objectives, Purpose and Values**

This organization recognizes that there is a common responsibility of leadership at all administrative levels of education in the State of Montana, that there is a need for concentrating the knowledge, judgement, and influence of all administrators in matters affecting the quality of education in this state.

#### **SAM Objectives**

The Objectives of this organization are: to provide an opportunity for a continuous study of mutual professional problems facing school administrators; to make its members aware of public education issues; to provide a forum for the discussion of such issues; to formulate positions on such issues; to establish close and continuous communication and cooperation in matters of mutual concern to all levels of school administrators; and to cooperate with other organizations in the promotion of effective public education.

## SAM Core Purpose

SAM ... Visionary leaders united in providing, advocating, and creating education excellence for Montana students!

### **SAM Core Values**

**Leadership:** We believe that instructional leadership provided by school administrators is essential for empowering, inspiring, engaging, and helping students to grow, succeed, and lead.

**Integrity & Professionalism:** We promote and demonstrate the highest level of integrity and professionalism, both organizationally and individually. We believe it is these traits that create the foundation vital for success.

**Advocacy:** We serve as a united, proactive organization preparing educational leaders to advocate for State and National legislation to ensure Montana students will receive a quality education supported by adequate and sustainable funding. We strive to assure that all students have equal access, are safe and healthy, and will be successful.

**Professional Learning & Services**: We believe that high quality professional development, mentorship, and supportive member services are critical to individual member and Montana student success.

## **ARTICLE III – Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the SAM members present and voting at the annual fall meeting (MCEL). Proposed amendments must originate from the SAM Board of Directors.