

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

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5 Guidance and Counseling

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7 The District recognizes that guidance and counseling are an integral part of the total program of
8 instruction and should be provided in accordance with State laws and regulations, District
9 policies and procedures, and available staff and program support.

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11 The general goal of this program is to help students achieve the greatest personal value from
12 their educational opportunities. Such a program should:

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- 14 1. Provide staff with meaningful information, which can be utilized to improve the
- 15 educational services offered to individual students.
- 16 2. Provide students with planned opportunities to develop future career and educational
- 17 plans.
- 18 3. Refer students with special needs to appropriate specialists and agencies.
- 19 4. Aid students in identifying options and making choices about their educational program.
- 20 5. Assist teachers and administrators in meeting academic, social and emotional needs of
- 21 students.
- 22 6. Provide for a follow-up of students who further their education and/or move into the
- 23 workforce.
- 24 7. Solicit feedback from students, staff and parents for purposes of program improvement.
- 25 8. Assist students in developing a sense of belonging and self-respect.
- 26 9. Have information available about nicotine addiction services and referrals to tobacco
- 27 cessation programs to students and staff.
- 28 10. Be available as a reference for alternative discipline or restorative justice programs.

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30 All staff will encourage students to explore and develop their individual interests in all areas
31 including but not limited to career and technical programs, academic curricula, post-secondary
32 opportunities, community or military service, and employment options without regard to race,
33 color, national origin, ancestry, sex, ethnicity, language barrier, religious belief, physical or
34 mental handicap or disability, economic or social condition, actual or potential marital or
35 parental status.

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38 Legal References:

- 39 10.55.710, ARM Assignment of Guidance Staff
- 40 10.55.802, ARM Opportunity and Education Equity
- 41 § 49-3-203, MCA Educational, Counseling and Training Programs

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43 Policy History:

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