

1 Great Falls School District

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5 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy

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7 This policy shall terminate and expire on June 30, 2024, to be replaced in its entirety by a policy
8 governing non-resident student enrollment consistent with Chapter 368 (2023).

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- 10 1. Except as required by § 20-5-321, MCA, the District will admit nonresident students at
11 its discretion.
 - 12 2. The Superintendent or designee will recommend to the Board any nonresident student
13 admission in accordance with this policy, with the Board making the final decision on
14 admission.
 - 15 3. The District will examine a student's records from this district and other school districts
16 before any Board approval for admission. Review of the records and decisions regarding
17 admission cannot be inconsistent with district policies regarding nondiscrimination. Any
18 priority among the applications shall be on a rational basis that prioritizes the quality of
19 education for students who are residents of the district of attendance and the obligations
20 of resident taxpayers.
 - 21 4. The District will not admit nonresident students when doing so would cause the District
22 to exceed the class size standards under 10.55.712 ARM and 10.55.713 ARM.
 - 23 5. Every nonresident student who attends District schools must reapply for admission for
24 succeeding school year by June 15. Admission in one school year does not infer or
25 guarantee admission in subsequent years.
 - 26 6. Nonresident students enrolled under this policy are subject to all District policies, rules,
27 and regulations on the same basis as resident students.
 - 28 7. All resident students who become nonresident students because their parents or guardians
29 move out of the District may continue attendance for the school year, barring registration
30 in another District. At the completion of the school year, a student must apply as a
31 nonresident student in accordance with #5.
 - 32 8. Students expelled from another school district will be admitted on a case-by-case basis
33 after being evaluated by District Administrators. The administration will provide a
34 recommendation of admittance to the Board when appropriate.
 - 35 9. The Board reserves the right to charge tuition for nonresident students. At its discretion,
36 the Board may charge or waive tuition for all students whose tuition is required to be paid
37 by one kind of entity, defined as either a parent or guardian or a school district. Any
38 waiver of tuition will be applied equally to all students whose tuition is paid by the same
39 kind of entity (i.e., if the District charges tuition in those circumstances where a resident
40 district pays but waives tuition in those circumstances where a parent or guardian is
41 responsible for tuition, the tuition waiver will be applicable to all students who parents or
42 guardians bear the responsibility for payment).
 - 43 10. All nonresident students will be considered ineligible transportees for school
44 transportation services (§ 20-10-101, MCA).

- 1 11. As part of the District’s strategic planning process, the Board of Trustees may adopt
- 2 provisions within the plan of continuous improvement related to the following aspects of
- 3 the District's facilities, operations, and compliance with accreditation standards:
- 4 a. Building construction standards pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 60;
- 5 b. Capacity and ingress and egress elements, either by individual room or by school
- 6 building, of any fire code authorized by Title 50, Chapter 3;
- 7 c. Evacuation elements of the District’s adopted school safety plan;
- 8 d. Establish goals, standards and objectives of quality for delivery of education and
- 9 related services;
- 10 e. Educational quality within the District for expectations related to truancy,
- 11 expulsion, or suspension, as specified in state law.

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13 Cross References:

14 Policy 2161	Special Education
15 Policy 2161R	Special Education
16 Policy 3110	Entrance, Placement, and Transfer
17 Policy 3125	Education of Homeless Children
18 Policy 3210	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity

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20 Legal References:

21 § 20-5-314, MCA	Reciprocal Attendance Agreement with Adjoining State or Province
22 § 20-5-320, MCA	Attendance with Discretionary Approval
23 § 20-5-321, MCA	Attendance with Mandatory Approval – Tuition and Transportation
24 § 20-5-322, MCA	Residency Determination – Notification – Appeal for Attendance
25	Agreement
26 § 20-5-323, MCA	Tuition and Transportation Rates
27 10.10.310B, ARM	Out-of-District Attendance Agreement
28 10.55.712, ARM	Class Size Elementary
29 10.55.713, ARM	Teacher Load and Class Size – High School
30 Chapter 368 (2023)	Non-Resident Enrollment

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32 Policy History:

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34 Revised on:	June 26, 2006
35 Revised on:	April 13, 2015
36 Revised on:	September 11, 2023

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