

1 Great Falls School District

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5 Student Use of Buildings: Equal Access

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7 Non-curricular groups of students not previously recognized as a curricular student organization
8 under Policy 3510 or 3550 may gather on school premises under the following guidelines
9 without restriction on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the
10 meeting. Students wishing to form curricular groups or organizations recognized by the school
11 administration may do so in accordance with Policy 3510 or 3550.

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13 The following guidelines must be met:

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- 15 1. The meeting is voluntary and student-initiated.
- 16 2. There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school district, or its agents or employees.
- 17 3. The meeting must occur during non-instructional time on regular school days.
- 18 4. Employees or agents of the school district are present only in a capacity outside of their
19 official duties.
- 20 5. The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of
21 educational activities within the school.
- 22 6. Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities.

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24 Although the school assumes no sponsorship of these kinds of meetings, all meeting held on
25 school premises must be scheduled and approved the principal.

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27 This policy pertains to student meetings. The school has the authority, through its agent or
28 employees, to maintain order and discipline on school premises and to protect the well-being of
29 students and faculty.

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31 Cross References:

- 32 Policy 2332 Student Religious Activity in School
- 33 Policy 3222 Distribution and Posting Materials
- 34 Policy 3510 School Sponsored Activities
- 35 Policy 3550 Student Clubs
- 36 Policy 4331 Use of School Property for Posting Notices

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38 Legal References:

- 39 20 U.S.C. 4071 Denial of Equal Access Prohibited
- 40 Board of Education v. Mergens, 110 S.Ct. 2356 (1990)

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42 Policy History:

- 43 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
- 44 Revised on; June 22, 2015
- 45 Revised on: August 23, 2021