

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Discipline

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7 The Board grants authority to a teacher or principal to hold a student to strict accountability for
8 disorderly conduct in a school building, on property owned or leased by a school district, on a
9 school bus, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess.

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11 Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct,
12 including but not limited to instances set forth below:

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- 14 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, and alternative
15 nicotine and vapor products as defined in 16-11-302, MCA.
 - 16 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages, including
17 powdered alcohol. Students who may be under the influence of alcohol will not be
18 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had alcohol in
19 their possession.
 - 20 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs,
21 marijuana, controlled substances, or any substance which is represented to be or looks
22 like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, alcoholic beverage,
23 stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain
24 chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited
25 to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be
26 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their
27 possession.
 - 28 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of
29 Weapons other than Firearms” section in Policy 3311.
 - 30 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be
31 considered or used as a weapon as referred to in Policy 3311.
 - 32 • Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials or disobeying rules,
33 violating state or federal law, or not honoring regulations governing student conduct.
 - 34 • Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable
35 conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
 - 36 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school
37 property or another person’s property.
 - 38 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an
39 educational function or any other disruptive activity.
 - 40 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic
41 and habitual truants.
 - 42 • Intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing or bullying; or
43 retaliation against any person who alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226 or
44 participated in an investigation into alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226.
 - 45 • Defaces or damages any school building, school grounds, furniture, equipment, or book
46 belonging to the District.

- 1 • Forging any signature or making any false entry or attempting to authorize any document
2 used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of a school.
- 3 • Records or causes to be recorded a conversation by use of a hidden electronic or
4 mechanical device which may include any combination of audio or video that reproduces
5 a human conversation without the knowledge of all parties to the conversation.
- 6 • Engaging in academic misconduct which may include but is not limited to: cheating,
7 unauthorized sharing of exam responses or graded assignment work; plagiarism,
8 accessing websites or electronic resources without authorization to complete assigned
9 coursework, and any other act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student.

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11 These grounds stated above for disciplinary action apply whenever a student's conduct is
12 reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to the circumstances
13 set forth below:

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15 • On school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any other time when school
16 is being used by a school group.
- 17 • Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event or any activity or event that
18 bears a reasonable relationship to school.
- 19 • Travel to and from school or a school activity, function, or event.
- 20 • Anywhere conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted
21 intimidation of bullying of a staff member or student, or an interference with school
22 purposes or an educational function.

23 24 Disciplinary Measures

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26 Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:

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28 • Expulsion
- 29 • Suspension
- 30 • Detention, including Saturday school
- 31 • Community Service
- 32 • Clean-up duty
- 33 • Loss of student privileges
- 34 • Loss of bus privileges
- 35 • Notification to juvenile authorities and/or police
- 36 • Restitution for damages to school property
- 37 • Completion of a District-approved chemical awareness class
- 38 • Completion of a District-approved tobacco education group

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40 No District employee or person engaged by the District may inflict or cause to be inflicted
41 corporal punishment on a student. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force.
42 District personnel are permitted to use reasonable force to maintain safety for other students,
43 school personnel, or other persons or for the purpose of self-defense.

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1 Non-Disciplinary Measures

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3 The Superintendent or designee is authorized to assign a student to non-disciplinary offsite
4 instruction pending the results of an investigation or for reasons related to the safety or well-
5 being of students and staff. During the period of non-disciplinary offsite instruction, the student
6 will be permitted to complete all assigned schoolwork for full credit. The assignment of non-
7 disciplinary offsite instruction does not preclude the Superintendent or designee from
8 disciplining a student who has, after investigation, been found to have violated a District policy,
9 rule, or handbook provision.

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11 Delegation of Authority

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13 School District employees and other individuals designated or hired by the District, when
14 students are under their charge, are authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than
15 suspension, or expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and
16 in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers may remove students
17 from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

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19 Cross References:

20 Policy 3215	Uniform Complaint Procedure
21 Policy 3231	Searches and Seizure
22 Policy 3225	Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
23 Policy 3226	Hazing/harassment/Intimidation/Bullying
24 Policy 3300	Corrective Actions and Punishment
25 Policy 3310P	Student Threat Assessment
26 Policy 3311	Firearms and Weapons
27 Policy 8123	Bus Driver Training and Responsibilities

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29 Legal References:

30 § 16-11-302(1)(7), MCA	Definitions
31 § 20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and Punishment of Pupils – Definition of Corporal Punishment – Penalty – Defense
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33 § 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and Expulsion
34 § 45-8-361, MCA	Possession or Allowing Possession of Weapon in School Building – Exceptions – Penalties – Seizure and Forfeiture or Return Authorized – Definitions
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37 § 45-5-637, MCA	Possession or Consumption of Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Products, or Vapor Products by Persons under 18 Years of Age is Prohibited – Unlawful attempt to Purchase – Penalties
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40 29 U.S.C. § 701	Rehabilitation Act of 1973
41 § 45-8-213, MCA	Privacy in Communications
42 Title 16, Chapter 12, MCA	“Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act”, January 1, 2021

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