

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 School-Sponsored Student Activities

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7 **1. Student Organizations:**

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9 a. All curricular student clubs or organizations must be approved by the  
10 administration. Secret or clandestine organizations or groups will not be  
11 permitted.  
12 b. Bylaws and rules of curricular student clubs or organizations must not be contrary  
13 to Board policy or to administrative rules and regulations.  
14 c. Procedures in curricular student clubs or organizations must follow generally  
15 accepted democratic practices in the acceptance of members and nomination and  
16 election of officers.  
17 d. Student led and initiated non-curricular student groups may meet at school in  
18 accordance with District Policy without the sponsorship of the District.  
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20 **2. Social Events:**

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22 a. Social events must have prior approval from the administration.  
23 b. Social events must be held in school facilities unless approved by the  
24 Superintendent or designee.  
25 c. Social events must be chaperoned at all times.  
26 d. Attendance at high school social events and dances shall be limited to high school  
27 students, and middle school social events shall be limited to middle school  
28 students, unless prior permission is received from the principal.  
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30 **3. Extracurricular Activities:**

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32 a. Academic and behavior eligibility rules are established by MHSAA rules and  
33 District policy.  
34 b. Any student convicted of a criminal offense may, at the discretion of school  
35 officials, become ineligible for such a period of time as the school officials may  
36 decide.  
37 c. In establishing an interscholastic program, the Board directs the administration to:  
38 i. Open all sports to all students enrolled in the District, with an equal  
39 opportunity for participation.  
40 ii. Open all sports to residents of the District and who are at least 5 years of  
41 age and not more than 19 on or before September 10 of the year in which  
42 participation in extracurricular activities is sought by such child in  
43 accordance with the provisions of this policy.  
44 iii. Recommend sports activities based on interest inventories completed by  
45 the students.  
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1       **4. Participation in District Extracurricular Activities by Unenrolled Children:**  
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- 3           a. Any child identified in Section 3.c.ii of this policy who is attending a nonpublic or  
 4 home school meeting the requirements of section MCA 20-5-109:
- 5               i. Is eligible to seek to participate in any extracurricular activity of the  
 6 District that is offered to students of the District who are of the same age.
  - 7               ii. Is subject to the same standards for participation as those required of full-  
 8 time students enrolled in the school and the same rules of any  
 9 interscholastic organizations of which the school of participation is a  
 10 member as specified in Section 3.a. and 3.b. of this policy and any related  
 11 student or activity handbook provisions.
  - 12               iii. Will be assessed for purposes of placement, team formation and cuts using  
 13 the same criteria as used for full-time students enrolled in the District.
- 14           b. In cases where there is more than one school serving the same age group within  
 15 District boundaries, a child under Section 4 of this policy shall be subject to the  
 16 same school zone rules applicable to full-time students of the District.  
 17 Participation for one school for one sport and another school for another sport is  
 18 prohibited.
- 19           c. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a  
 20 nonpublic school as specified under Section 4.a.ii of this policy shall be attested  
 21 by the head administrator of the nonpublic school. No further verification shall be  
 22 required.
- 23           d. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a  
 24 home school as specified under Section 4.a.ii shall be attested in writing by the  
 25 educator providing the student instruction with verification by the school principal  
 26 for the school of participation. The verification may not include any form of  
 27 student assessment.
- 28           e. Students participating in extracurricular activities under Section 4 of this policy  
 29 may be considered part-time enrollees for the purposes of ANB in accordance  
 30 with Policy 3150, 3121, and 3121P.  
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32       **5. Designation of Athletic Teams:**  
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34 Unless otherwise prohibited by Policy 3210 or federal law, District sponsored athletic teams or  
 35 sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students who are biologically  
 36 of the male sex. District sponsored athletic teams or events may be designated as one of the  
 37 following based on biological sex in accordance with applicable MHSA rules, this Policy,  
 38 federal law, Policy 3210, or the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 405 (2021):  
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- 40           a. Males, men, or boys;
- 41           b. Females, women, or girls; or
- 42           c. Coed or mixed.

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 44 This section of this Policy is void 21 days after the date of the United States Secretary of  
 45 Education files a written report with the proper committees of the United States House of

1 Representatives and the United States Senate as required by 34 C.F.R. 100.8(c) due to the  
2 enforcement of Chapter 405 (2021).

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4 Cross References:

5 Policy 2332 Religion and Religious Activities

6 Policy 3121-3121P Enrollment and Attendance

7 Policy 3150 Part Time Attendance

8 Policy 3210 Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity

9 Policy 3222 Distribution and Posting Materials

10 Policy 3233 Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access

11 Policy 3550 Student Clubs

12 Policy 4331 Use of School Property for Posting Materials

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14 Legal References:

15 § 20-5-203, MCA Secret Organization Prohibited

16 Chapter 269 2021 General Legislative Session

17 Chapter 297 2021 General Legislative Session

18 Chapter 405 2021 General Legislative Session

19 34 C.F.R. 100.8(c) Procedure for Effecting Compliance

20 Bostock v. Clayton County Georgia, 140 S.Ct. 1731 (2020)

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22 Policy History:

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