

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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5 School-Support Organizations, Boosters and Fundraising

6 The Board recognizes that parent, teacher, and student organizations are an invaluable resource to  
7 District schools and supports their formation and vitality. While parent, teacher, and student  
8 organizations have no administrative authority and cannot determine District policy, their  
9 suggestions and assistance are always welcome.

10 School Support Organizations

11 Parent or booster organizations are recognized by the Superintendent or designee and permitted to  
12 use the District’s name, a District school’s name, or a District school’s team name or any logo  
13 attributable to the District, provided they first receive the Superintendent’s or designee’s written  
14 consent. Unauthorized use of the District school’s team name, logo, or imagery is strictly  
15 prohibited. The District reserves the right to see all available legal remedies for unauthorized use  
16 of the District school’s name, logo, or imagery.

17 In order for the District to comply with federal law, state law and MHSA By-Laws, Rules and  
18 Regulations, recognition as a parent or booster organization along with consent to use one of the  
19 above-mentioned names or logos will generally be granted if the organization has approved and  
20 submitted bylaws containing the following:

- 21 1. The organization’s name and purpose. Acceptable purposes may include enhancement of  
22 students’ educational experiences, assistance to meet educational needs of students,  
23 support of academic clubs, or enrichment of extracurricular activities.
- 24 2. The rules and procedures under which it operates.
- 25 3. A statement that the membership will adhere to applicable Board policies and  
26 administrative procedures when working on District premises or with District officials or  
27 programs.
- 28 4. A statement that membership is open and unrestricted and the organization will not engage  
29 in discrimination based on someone’s innate characteristics or membership in a protected  
30 classification.
- 31 5. A statement that the District is not, and will not be, responsible for the organization’s  
32 business or the conduct of its members.
- 33 6. A designation of the organization’s treasurer. A statement that the organization will  
34 maintain finances consistent with the General Finance Principles in a manner open to  
35 review by any member of the organization or the school district.
- 36 7. A recognition that money given to a school cannot be earmarked for any particular expense.  
37 Booster organizations may make recommendations, but cash or other valuable  
38 consideration must be given to the District to use at its discretion. The District’s legal  
39 obligations to comply with Title IX by providing equal athletic opportunity for members  
40 of both genders will supersede an organizations recommendation.

1 8. A recognition that the District reserves the right to reject any and all donations.

2 The permission to use one of the above-mentioned names, logos or imagery may be rescinded by  
3 the administration for failure to comply with this policy. Authorization to use one of the above-  
4 mentioned names, logos, or imagery does not constitute permission to act as the District's  
5 representative. At no time does the District accept responsibility for the actions of any parent or  
6 booster organization, regardless of whether it was recognized and/or permitted to use any of the  
7 above-mentioned names or logos. The Superintendent or designee may designate an administrative  
8 staff member to serve as the liaison to parent or booster organization. The liaison will serve as a  
9 resource person and provide information about school programs, resources, policies, problems,  
10 concerns, and emerging issues. Building staff may be encouraged to participate in the  
11 organizations.

12 Individual Boosters or Donors

13 Individual boosters or donors not covered by the by-laws of an organization governed by this  
14 policy may still assist in school operations. In order for the District to comply with the federal  
15 law, state law and MHSAs By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, individual boosters or donors must  
16 honor the following provisions:

- 17 1. The individual must have prior approval granted by the Superintendent or designee for use  
18 of the District's name, logo, or imagery.
- 19 2. The individual must comply with District policies and administrative procedures when  
20 submitting donations.
- 21 3. The individual may not violate federal law, state law, District policy or MHSAs By-Laws,  
22 Rules and Regulations.
- 23 4. The individual acknowledges the District is not, and will not be, responsible for the  
24 individual booster or donor's business or their conduct.  
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- 26 5. The individual acknowledges that donations cannot be earmarked for any particular  
27 expense. Individual boosters or donors may make recommendations, but cash or other  
28 valuable consideration must be given to the District to use at its discretion in accordance  
29 with applicable laws. The District's legal obligation to comply with Title IX by providing  
30 equal athletic opportunity for members of both genders will supersede any individual's  
31 recommendation.  
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- 33 6. The District reserves the right to reject any and all donations.

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35 Fundraising

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37 All donations completed by recognized organizations are subject to applicable District policies  
38 regarding financial management, including 7225 Crowdfunding Guidelines and Approval Process  
39 and 3530 Student Fundraising Activities. Funding endeavors are generally viewed as beneficial  
40 when coordinated with district goals, initiatives, and existing plans. The District reserves the right  
41 to reject any and all donations.  
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1 All funds raised by recognized organizations that are donated to the District become public funds  
2 when placed in a District account. All public funds must be monitored in accordance with state  
3 law. Donations must be reviewed to ensure compliance with equity rules, amateur rules and  
4 appropriateness under district policy. Donations may be conditional under state law if conditions  
5 are in compliance.  
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7 Funds spent by the District will be done in accordance with District purchase order policy and  
8 spending limits regardless of the source of the donation. All expenditures should be preapproved  
9 to ensure equity and auditing standards are met.  
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11 Cross Reference:

12 Policy 3530 Student Fundraising Activities  
13 Policy 3535 Distribution of Fund Drive Literature Through Students  
14 Policy 4321 Distribution of Fund Drive Literature Through Students  
15 Policy 7225 Crowdfunding Guidelines and Approval Process  
16 Policy 7225F Fundraising Request Form  
17 Policy 7260 Endowments, Gifts, and Investments  
18 District Rules for Athletic Fundraising and Support  
19 <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/departments/athletics>  
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21 Legal Reference:  
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26 Policy History:

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