

1 **Great Falls School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Discipline

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7 School District employees, bus drivers, and others designated by the District have the authority to
8 maintain orderly, safe and compliant behavior whenever a student’s conduct is reasonably related
9 to school or school activities.

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11 Any conduct that would constitute violation of Montana Law will be reported to the police.
12 Disciplinary action may apply whenever the student’s conduct is reasonably related to school or
13 school activities, including, but not limited to:

- 14 • On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any other
15 time when the school is being used by a school group;
- 16 • Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, or event, or any activity or event which
17 bears a reasonable relationship to school;
- 18 • Traveling to and from school or a school activity, function or event; or anywhere, if the
19 conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff
20 member, or an interference with school purposes of an educational function.

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22 Disciplinary Action

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24 Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of disobedience or misconduct,
25 including, but not limited to:

- 26 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, including but not
27 limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, nicotine,
28 electronic cigarettes and any other tobacco/nicotine innovation.
- 29 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who
30 may be under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to attend school functions and
31 will be treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- 32 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling illegal drugs or controlled
33 substances, imitation controlled substances, look-alike drugs and drug paraphernalia.
34 Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend
35 school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their possession.
- 36 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of
37 Weapons” section of the policy 3311.
- 38 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be
39 considered or used as a weapon.
- 40 • Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials and/or rules and regulations
41 governing student conduct.
- 42 • Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable
43 conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
- 44 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school
45 property or another person’s property.

- 1 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an
- 2 educational function or any disruptive activity.
- 3 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic and
- 4 habitual truants.
- 5 • Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students – Policy 3225
- 6 • Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying – Policy 3226
- 7 • Forging of any signature, or the making of any false entry, or the authorization of any
- 8 document used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of the school.

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10 **Disciplinary Measures**

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12 Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to:

- 13 • Expulsion
- 14 • Suspension
- 15 • Detention, including Saturdays
- 16 • Community service
- 17 • Loss of student privileges
- 18 • Loss of bus and/or transportation privileges
- 19 • Notification to juvenile authorities and/or police
- 20 • Restitution for damages to school property
- 21 • Completion of a District-approved chemical awareness class
- 22 • Completion of a District-approved tobacco education group

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24 No person who is employed or engaged by the District may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal
25 punishment on a student. Corporal punishment does not include, and District personnel are
26 permitted to use, reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel,
27 or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense.

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29 **Disciplinary Authority**

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31 School District employees, bus drivers, and others designated by the District, when students are
32 under his/her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, or
33 expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and in accordance
34 with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers may remove students from a classroom
35 for disruptive behavior.

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37 Cross Reference:

- 38 Policy 3215 - Uniform Complaint Procedure
- 39 Policy 3231- Searches and Seizure
- 40 Policy 3225 - Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
- 41 Policy 3226 - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying
- 42 Policy 3300 - Corrective Actions and Punishment
- 43 Policy 3311- Firearms and Weapons
- 44 Policy 5015 - Bullying, Harassment
- 45 Policy 8123 – Bus Driver Training and Responsibilities

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- 1 Legal Reference:
- 2 §16-11-302(1)(7), MCA Definitions
- 3 § 20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment -
- 4 penalty – defense
- 5 § 20-5-202, MCA Suspension and expulsion
- 6 § 45-8-361, MCA Possession or allowing possession of weapon in school building exceptions
- 7 penalties – seizure and forfeiture or return authorized definition
- 8 §45-5-637, MCA Possession or consumption of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products,
- 9 or vapor products by persons under 18 years of age is prohibited – unlawful attempt to purchase -
- 10 penalties
- 11 29 U.S.C. § 7 Rehabilitation Act of 1973
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- 13 Policy History:
- 14 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
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