

Billings School District 2

STUDENTS

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct

The District recognizes that all students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected under federal and state constitutions and law for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. The District expects students to exercise these rights reasonably and to avoid violating the rights of others or disrupting the education environment. The District may impose disciplinary measures whenever students violate the rights of others or violate District policies, procedures, rules, or handbooks, including but not limited to those listed below, on school premises or at any school function or activity. School premises means all property owned, leased, or used by the School District for instruction or student activities.

Each student is expected to strive to take full advantage of educational opportunities and to do the student's best in all areas of school life. Each student has the right to an education in an orderly, safe, and sanitary atmosphere and is expected to contribute to the school environment by meeting the following responsibilities:

1. Respect and work cooperatively with fellow students and school staff;
2. Be punctual and regular in school attendance;
3. Respond positively and promptly to direction by faculty or staff members;
4. Refrain from fighting or other abusive behavior directed toward any student, faculty or staff member. Harassment, intimidation, bullying, hazing, discrimination, and retaliation against students or staff members is not allowed and will not be tolerated;
5. Refrain from the use of profanity or vulgarity;
6. Avoid encouraging or assisting another student to take action that would subject a student to suspension or expulsion;
7. Refrain from possession or use of explosives, dangerous chemicals, or weapons on school property or at a school function;
8. Refrain from engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function or any other disruptive activity, including but not limited to making a bomb threat, even if only a hoax;
9. Refrain from damage to or theft of school or personal property. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's property is a violation of this policy;

10. Refrain from unauthorized entry into or misuse or damage of school property. Scooters, bicycles, roller-blades, and skateboards cannot be used or ridden on school property;
11. Be responsible for willful damage or destruction of school property;
12. Refrain from using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco on school premises and at school functions;
13. Possession, use, purchase, sale, and/or distribution of illicit drugs, controlled substances, look-alike drugs, drug paraphernalia, contraband, and alcohol on school premises or during any school-sponsored or school-related activity are strictly prohibited. Students who are under the influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend school or school-related activities or functions and will be treated as though they had such substances in their possession;
14. Avoid disruption, on or off school property, of the educational process or school-related activities, functions, and programs;
15. Refrain from allowing any bodily substance to make physical contact with another person. Bodily substances include, but are not limited to: feces, sperm, urine, blood, and saliva;
16. Refrain from possession, sale, transfer, or use of a weapon on school premises or at school-related activities and functions, which is anything that is which is used, can be used, or could reasonably be considered to threaten or cause bodily harm, or intimidate another person, regardless of its primary function;

“Weapon” can also include a bomb, an object meant to look like a bomb or other explosive, or a toxic or hazardous substance or material;
17. Obey directives from staff members or school officials; obey rules and regulations governing student conduct;
18. Do not forge any signature or make any false entry or attempt to authorize any document used or intended to be used in connection with any operation of a school;
19. Do not plagiarize or cheat;
20. Do not gamble for money or other valuable consideration; and
21. Do not make or abet in a bomb threat, even if only a hoax. Do not make or abet in a threat of a hazardous substance, even if only a hoax. A “bomb threat” means communicating or otherwise indicating by any means, whether verbal or non-verbal, that a bomb or an object intended to look like a bomb or explosive has been or will be placed on school property or at a school event, including events that are to take place after

school hours. A "threat of a hazardous substance" means communicating or otherwise indicating by any means, whether verbal or non-verbal, that a hazardous or toxic substance has been or will be placed on school property or at a school event, including events that are to take place after school hours. A "hazardous or toxic substance" means any material or other thing, including biomedical materials or organisms, that, when placed as threatened, could be harmful to humans.

All students who attend the District's schools, programs, or activities shall comply with the written policies, procedures, rules, and handbooks of the schools, shall pursue the required course of studies, and shall submit to the authority of the Superintendent, principals, other administrators, teachers, or other designees of the District. Violation of any of these expectations is a violation of school policy and will result in discipline.

Cross References:

Number	Title
3200	Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct
3201	Student Freedom of Expression
3202	Student Publications
3203	Student Dress
3203-P1	Student Dress – Gang Activity or Association and Extracurricular Activities
3204	Searches and Seizures
3204-P1	Searches of Students and Their Property
3204-P2	Video Surveillance
3204-P3	Video Surveillance – School Buses, Vehicles, School Buildings and Grounds
3205	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3205-P1	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3210	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
3210-F1	Form: Billings School District – Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Incident Reporting Form
3220	Equal Educational Opportunity (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3230	Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3235	Student Drug and Chemical Use and Abuse
3240	Tobacco Free Schools
3250	Gun-Free Schools
3255	Bomb Threats and Threats of Hazardous Substances
1700	Uniform Complaint Procedure

Legal References:

§ 20-5-101, MCA	Admittance of child to school
§ 20-5-102, MCA	Compulsory enrollment and excuses
§ 20-5-103, MCA	Compulsory attendance and excuses
§ 20-5-201, MCA	Duties and sanctions
§ 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and expulsion
§ 20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment

Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Sch. Dist., 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969)

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