

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 unless such  
36 force is determined, following investigation, to be for self-defense or defense of others as  
37 defined by law.
  - 38 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school  
39 property or another person’s property.
  - 40 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an  
41 educational function or any other disruptive activity.
  - 42 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic  
43 and habitual truants.
  - 44 • Intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing or bullying; or  
45 retaliation against any person who alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226 or  
46 participated in an investigation into alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226.

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

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

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

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### 26 Disciplinary Measures

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28 Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:

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

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

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## Non-Disciplinary Measures

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

## Delegation of Authority

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

## Cross References:

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

## Legal References:

§ 16-11-302(1)(7), MCA	Definitions
§ 20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and Punishment of Pupils – Definition of Corporal Punishment – Penalty – Defense
§ 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and Expulsion
§ 49-2-307, MCA	Discrimination in Education
§ 45-8-213, MCA	Privacy in Communications
§ 45-8-361, MCA	Possession or Allowing Possession of Weapon in School Building – Exceptions – Penalties – Seizure and Forfeiture or Return Authorized – Definitions
§ 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
29 U.S.C. § 701	Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Title 16, Chapter 12, MCA	“Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation
Title 20, Chapter 1, Part 2, MCA	Certain District Policies Prohibited
Chapter 256 (2023)	Discrimination in Education

1	Chapter 266 (2023)	Self-Defense in Schools
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