

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Chemical Use Policy

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7 The District believes that the all-around development of students is important and that
8 implementation of these rules will serve these purposes:

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- 10 • Emphasize concern for the health and well-being of all students;
 - 11 • Provide a chemical-free environment which will encourage healthy development;
 - 12 • Diminish chemical use by providing an education assistance program;
 - 13 • Promote a sense of self-discipline among students;
 - 14 • Confirm and support existing state laws regarding the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol;
 - 15 • Emphasize standards of conduct for those students who, through their participation in
16 extra and co-curricular activities, are leaders and role models for their peers and younger
17 students; and
 - 18 • Assist students who desire to resist peer pressure that often directs them toward the illegal
19 use of chemicals.
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21 All Students

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23 All students will be held accountable for using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling
24 illegal drugs or controlled substances, imitation controlled substances, look-alike drugs and drug
25 paraphernalia, alcohol, and tobacco or nicotine innovations. Students who may be under the
26 influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated
27 as though they had drugs or alcohol in their possession. (Board Policy 3310) Use of tobacco
28 products in a public school building or on public school property is prohibited, unless used in a
29 classroom or on other school property as part of a lecture, demonstration, or educational forum
30 sanctioned by a school. (Board Policy 8225)

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32 Students Involved In Extra And Co-Curricular Activities

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34 The District views participation in extracurricular activities as an opportunity extended to
35 students willing to make a commitment to adhere to the rules which govern them. Students
36 participating in school related activities whether sponsored by the MHSA or not, shall not
37 illegally use, have in possession, sell, or distribute alcohol, tobacco, nicotine innovations or
38 illegal drugs, or abuse prescription or non-prescription drugs. This rule is in effect twenty-four
39 (24) hours a day for the duration of the school year. The school year is defined as the start of fall
40 sports to the end of the school year or activities, whichever is later. If a student is charged with a
41 Minor in Possession (MIP), Minor in Possession – Tobacco (MIPT), or Driving Under the
42 Influence (DUI), or there is reasonable suspicion to believe the student is or has been illegally
43 using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, the student will forfeit the privilege of participating in school
44 related activities. Additional sanctions for the student may apply depending upon the individual
45 circumstances of the offense and the specific written requirements of their activity supervisors.

1 The student will be offered a District-approved intervention class. Successful completion of this
2 class may reduce the sanctions.

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4 The Administration shall publish the participation rules annually in the athletic activities and
5 student handbooks.

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7 PENALTIES FOR STUDENTS REGARDING DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO
8 VIOLATIONS

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10 In addition to disciplinary action outlined in Policy 3310, the following penalties apply;

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12 First Offense - All Students

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- 15 • Parent Notification.
 - 16 • SRO Notification to determine ticketing, if appropriate.
 - 17 • Out of school suspension (OSS) or In-school suspension (ISS) for the remainder of the
18 school day and up to ten (10) additional days of OSS or ISS or Saturday School.
 - 19 • In lieu of the additional suspension, students may be offered a District-approved
20 intervention class. Agreeing to participate in an intervention class can reduce the out-of-
21 school suspension to the day of the infraction and up to 3-5 days of in-school suspension
22 and/or Saturday School. Failure to complete the intervention class will result in re-
23 instatement of the additional suspension.

24 All contraband will be confiscated by the school administration.

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26 First Offense - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants

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28 Drugs and Alcohol

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- 30 1. Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the chemical use policy
31 will be suspended for their activity for one calendar year for drug or alcohol offenses.
32 The one-year sanction for drug or alcohol offenses may be reduced to 30 calendar days
33 for the successful completion of the District approved chemical awareness class.
 - 34 2. Students are encouraged to self-report violations to any coach or school official. If a
35 student self-reports within 24 hours of the violation, the principal may reduce the
36 suspension from activities to 20 days if the student successfully completes the District
37 approved chemical awareness class within a 20 day time period from the date of
38 infraction.

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40 Tobacco

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42 Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the tobacco use policy will be
43 suspended from their activity for 20 calendar days.

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1 Second Offense – All Students

- 2 • Parent notification.
- 3 • Determine suspension consequences and SRO ticketing response, if appropriate
- 4 • Students will be referred for a chemical dependency evaluation with the District’s
- 5 substance abuse counselor or other approved provider, unless sufficient time has passed
- 6 that might allow the student to benefit from retaking the chemical awareness
- 7 class. Consult with the District substance abuse counselor to determine the most
- 8 appropriate course of action for the student.
- 9 • Failure to complete the chemical dependency assessment or other assigned consequences
- 10 will result in 10 days of suspension from school.
- 11 • Illegal tobacco violations will result in retaking the tobacco education group.

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13 Second Offense - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants

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15 Drugs and Alcohol

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17 Same calendar year

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19 Students who are repeat offenders for drug and alcohol violations within the same calendar year

20 as their first offense will forfeit the opportunity to participate in all extra and co-curricular

21 activities for a period of one year.

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23 Subsequent Calendar years

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- 26 will be suspended from their activity for one calendar year for drug or alcohol offenses.
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- 32 approved chemical awareness class within a 20 day time period from the date of
- 33 infraction.

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35 Tobacco

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37 Students involved in extra- or co-curricular activities that violate the tobacco use policy will be

38 suspended from their activity for 20 calendar days.

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40 Third and Subsequent Offenses - All Students

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- 42 • Parent notification.
- 43 • Determine suspension consequences and SRO ticketing response, if appropriate.
- 44 • Consultation with the District substance abuse counselor and parent, if appropriate, to
- 45 determine the level of care most appropriate for the student.
- 46 • Illegal tobacco violations will result in retaking the tobacco education group.

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2 Third and Subsequent Offenses - Additional Penalties for Extra or Co-Curricular Participants

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4 Drugs and Alcohol

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6 Students who are repeat offenders for drugs and alcohol will forfeit the opportunity to participate
7 in all extra and co-curricular activities for a period of one calendar year.

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9 Tobacco

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11 Illegal tobacco violations will result in a 20-day suspension from activities and retaking the
12 tobacco education group.

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14 Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Due Process

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16 If a determination is made that a student has violated this policy, the student and parent or
17 guardian shall be notified of the violation by telephone where possible, and also by mail. Also at
18 this time, the student and parent or guardian shall be notified of the type of discipline that will be
19 administered.

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21 Students who are suspended from activities for one year due to a third offense, may appeal the
22 conditions of the suspension before an administrative hearing panel.

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24 Appeal Process

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26 Any parent or legal guardian and student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline shall
27 have the right to appeal any administrative decision to the Board through the Uniform Complaint
28 Procedure.

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30 Cross Reference:

31 Policy 3215 Students Uniform Complaint Procedure
32 Policy 3310 Students Student Discipline
33 Policy 8225 Non-Instructional Tobacco Free Policy

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35 Legal Reference:

36 § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions

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38 Policy History:

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