

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 School-Sponsored Student Activities

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7 This policy shall be made available to all interested individuals upon request and posted on the  
8 District's website. Information about the nature and purpose of student clubs and groups meeting  
9 at the school and methods to consent to participation or opt out of participation will be provided  
10 to parents and families in print or electronic format, consistent with parent/family rights.

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13 1. Student Organizations:

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15 a. All curricular student clubs or organizations must be approved by the  
16 administration. Secret or clandestine organizations or groups will not be  
17 permitted.  
18 b. Bylaws and rules of curricular student clubs or organizations must not be contrary  
19 to Board policy or to administrative rules and regulations.  
20 c. Procedures in curricular student clubs or organizations must follow generally  
21 accepted democratic practices in the acceptance of members and nomination and  
22 election of officers.  
23 d. Student led and initiated non-curricular student groups may meet at school in  
24 accordance with District Policy without the sponsorship of the District.

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26 2. Social Events:

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28 a. Social events must have prior approval from the administration.  
29 b. Social events must be held in school facilities unless approved by the  
30 Superintendent or designee.  
31 c. Social events must be chaperoned at all times.  
32 d. Attendance at high school social events and dances shall be limited to high school  
33 students, and middle school social events shall be limited to middle school  
34 students, unless prior permission is received from the principal.

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36 3. Extracurricular Activities:

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38 a. Academic and behavior eligibility rules are established by MHSAs rules and  
39 District policy.  
40 b. High School activities are for students enrolled in grades 9-12 consistent with  
41 MHSAs rules.  
42 c. Any student convicted of a criminal offense may, at the discretion of school  
43 officials, become ineligible for such a period of time as the school officials may  
44 decide.  
45 d. In establishing an interscholastic program, the Board directs the administration to:

- 1 i. Open all sports to all students enrolled in the District, with an equal
- 2 opportunity for participation.
- 3 ii. Open all sports to residents of the District and who are at least 5 years of
- 4 age and not more than 19 on or before September 10 of the year in which
- 5 participation in extracurricular activities is sought by such child in
- 6 accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- 7 iii. Recommend sports activities based on interest inventories completed by
- 8 the students.
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10 4. Participation in District Extracurricular Activities by Unenrolled Children:

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- 12 a. Any child identified in Section 3.c.ii of this policy who is attending a nonpublic or
- 13 home school meeting the requirements of section MCA 20-5-109:
- 14 i. Is eligible to seek to participate in any extracurricular activity of the
- 15 District that is offered to students of the District who are of the same age.
- 16 ii. Is subject to the same standards for participation as those required of full-
- 17 time students enrolled in the school and the same rules of any
- 18 interscholastic organizations of which the school of participation is a
- 19 member as specified in Section 3.a. and 3.b. of this policy and any related
- 20 student or activity handbook provisions.
- 21 iii. Will be assessed for purposes of placement, team formation and cuts using
- 22 the same criteria as used for full-time students enrolled in the District.
- 23 b. In cases where there is more than one school serving the same age group within
- 24 District boundaries, a child under Section 4 of this policy shall be subject to the
- 25 same school zone rules applicable to full-time students of the District.
- 26 Participation for one school for one sport and another school for another sport is
- 27 prohibited.
- 28 c. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a
- 29 nonpublic school as specified under Section 4.a.ii of this policy shall be attested
- 30 by the head administrator of the nonpublic school. No further verification shall be
- 31 required.
- 32 d. The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a
- 33 home school as specified under Section 4.a.ii shall be attested in writing by the
- 34 educator providing the student instruction with verification by the school principal
- 35 for the school of participation. The verification may not include any form of
- 36 student assessment.
- 37 e. Students participating in extracurricular activities under Section 4 of this policy
- 38 may be considered part-time enrollees for the purposes of ANB in accordance
- 39 with Policy 3150, 3121, and 3121P.
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41 5. Designation of Athletic Teams:

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 43 Unless otherwise prohibited by Policy 3210 or federal law, District sponsored athletic teams or  
 44 sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students who are biologically  
 45 of the male sex. District sponsored athletic teams or events may be designated as one of the

1 following based on biological sex in accordance with applicable MHSA rules, this Policy,  
2 federal law, Policy 3210, or the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 405 (2021):

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- 4 a. Males, men, or boys;
- 5 b. Females, women, or girls; or
- 6 c. Coed or mixed.
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8 This section of this Policy is void 21 days after the date of the United States Secretary of  
9 Education files a written report with the proper committees of the United States House of  
10 Representatives and the United States Senate as required by 34 C.F.R. 100.8(c) due to the  
11 enforcement of Chapter 405 (2021).

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13 Cross References:

14 Policy 2332	Religion and Religious Activities
15 Policy 3121-3121P	Enrollment and Attendance
16 Policy 3150	Part Time Attendance
17 Policy 3210	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity
18 Policy 3222	Distribution and Posting Materials
19 Policy 3233	Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
20 Policy 3550	Student Clubs
21 Policy 4331	Use of School Property for Posting Materials

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23 Legal References:

24 Chapter 693 (2023)	Parental Rights
25 34 C.F.R. 100.8(c)	Procedure for Effecting Compliance
26 Bostock v. Clayton County Georgia, 140 S.Ct. 1731 (2020)	

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