

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Legal Status, Operation, and Organization

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7 The legal name of the Elementary District is Great Falls School District No. 1, and the legal
8 name of the High School District is Great Falls School District A, Cascade County, State of
9 Montana. The Districts are classified as first-class districts and are operated according to the
10 laws and administrative rules pertaining to a first-class district. Any singular reference to the
11 “School District” or “District” in this manual refers to both the Elementary and High School
12 Districts.

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14 The Board of Trustees of the District is the governmental entity established by the State of
15 Montana and constitutionally charged with the supervision and control of all aspects of the
16 District’s operations.

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18 To achieve its primary goal of providing each child with a basic system of free quality education
19 as required by Montana Law, the Board shall exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws
20 of the state. Its legal powers, duties, and responsibilities are derived from the Montana
21 Constitution and state statutes and administrative rules.

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23 Policies of the District define and frame the manner via which the District conducts its official
24 business. The policies of the District are modified/updated from time to time to reflect the
25 operation of the District.

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27 Legal Reference:

28 §20-3-323, MCA District Policy and Record of Acts

29 §20-3-324, MCA Powers and Duties

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31 §20-6-101, MCA Definition of Elementary and High School Districts

32 §20-6-201, MCA Elementary District Classification

33 §20-6-301, MCA High School District Classification

34 §20-9-309, MCA Basic System of Free Quality Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
35 Defined – Identifying Educationally Relevant Factors – Establishment of
36 Funding Formula and Budgetary Structure – Legislative Review

37 Article X, Section 8 Montana Constitution

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39 Policy History:

40 Adopted on: July 1, 2000

41 Reviewed on: April 2016

42 Revised on: June 9, 2025