

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Display of Flags and Banners on District Property

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7 Definitions

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9 “Flag” means any physical or digital material designed for display on a flagpole, building, wall,
10 vehicle, or order structure.

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12 “District property” means buildings, grounds, vehicles, uniforms, and any other property owned,
13 leased, or controlled by the District.

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15 Display of Flags and Banners

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17 No flag or banner may be displayed in or on District property other than the following flags and
18 banners:

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- 20 • The United States flag;
 - 21 • The official flag of Montana or any county, municipality, special district, or other
 - 22 political subdivision within the state;
 - 23 • The official flag of the District, public university, or community college;
 - 24 • The official flag of any state in the United States;
 - 25 • The official flag of any federally recognized tribal nation;
 - 26 • The official flag of any federally recognized foreign nation;
 - 27 • The official flag of any of the branches and units of the United States military;
 - 28 • Official historical flags of the United States and the state of Montana, including but not
 - 29 limited to the Besty Ross flag, Gadsden flag, and other flags of historical significance;
 - 30 • The POW/MIA flag, as provided in §1-1-541, MCA;
 - 31 • Flags or banners representing official school mascots and colors; and
 - 32 • Official law enforcement flags, including but not limited to flags honoring law
 - 33 enforcement officers and fallen officers.
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35 No flags or banners may be displayed on District property that represent a political viewpoint,
36 including but not limited to flags or banners regarding a political party, race, sexual orientation,
37 gender, or political ideology. This restriction does not apply to flags recognizing official
38 governmental entities, law enforcement agencies, military branches, or public service
39 organizations.

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41 Nothing in this policy may be constricted to limit the private speech or individuals, and nothing
42 in this policy may be interpreted to restrict expression of personal belief outside of official school
43 displays.

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45 The restrictions in this policy do not apply to personal clothing, jewelry, or accessories worn by
46 District employees, except where specific uniform policies or official dress code apply.

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Legal References:

§1-1-541, MCA Display of POW/MIA Flag

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