

1 Great Falls School District

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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.

11 1. Student Organizations:

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

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24 2. Social Events:

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

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34 3. Extracurricular Activities:

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

- 1 ○ Open all sports to residents of the District and who are at least five (5)
- 2 years of age and not more than nineteen (19) on or before September 10
- 3 of the year in which participation in extracurricular activities is sought
- 4 by such child in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- 5 ○ Recommend sports activities based on interest inventories completed by
- 6 the students.

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8 4. Participation in District Extracurricular Activities by Unenrolled Children:

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- 10 • Any child identified in Section 3.c.ii of this policy who is attending a nonpublic or
- 11 home school meeting the requirements of section §20-5-109, MCA:
- 12 ○ Is eligible to seek to participate in any extracurricular activity of the
- 13 District that is offered to students of the District who are of the same
- 14 age.
- 15 ○ Is subject to the same standards for participation as those required of
- 16 full-time students enrolled in the school and the same rules of any
- 17 interscholastic organizations of which the school of participation is a
- 18 member as specified in Section 3.a. and 3.b. of this policy and any
- 19 related student or activity handbook provisions.
- 20 ○ Will be assessed for purposes of placement, team formation and cuts
- 21 using the same criteria as used for full-time students enrolled in the
- 22 District.
- 23 • The District may prohibit or restrict the participation in extracurricular activities
- 24 of a student attending a home school based on one or both of the following
- 25 factors:
- 26 ○ The student's status as a United States citizen; and
- 27 ○ The student's status as a Montana resident, as determined under the
- 28 provision of §1-1-215, MCA.
- 29 • In cases where there is more than one school serving the same age group within
- 30 District boundaries, a child under Section 4 of this policy shall be subject to the
- 31 same school zone rules applicable to full-time students of the District.
- 32 Participation for one school for one sport and another school for another sport is
- 33 prohibited.
- 34 • The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a
- 35 nonpublic school as specified under Section 4.a.ii of this policy shall be attested
- 36 by the head administrator of the nonpublic school. No further verification shall be
- 37 required.
- 38 • The academic eligibility for extracurricular participation for a student attending a
- 39 home school as specified under Section 4.a.ii shall be attested in writing by the
- 40 educator providing the student instruction with verification by the school principal
- 41 for the school of participation. The verification may not include any form of
- 42 student assessment.
- 43 • Students participating in extracurricular activities under Section 4 of this policy
- 44 may be considered part-time enrollees for the purposes of ANB in accordance
- 45 with Policy 3150, 3121, and 3121P.
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1 5. Designation of Athletic Teams:

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3 In accordance with §20-7-1306, MCA, the District shall designate all District-sponsored athletic
4 teams or sports as one of the following based on biological sex:

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6 • Males, men, or boys;
7 • Females, women, or girls; or
8 • Coed or mixed.

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10 Athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students of
11 the male sex.

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13 Cross References:

14	Policy 2158	Family Engagement Policy
15	Policy 2332	Religion and Religious Activities
16	Policy 3121-3121P	Enrollment and Attendance
17	Policy 3150	Part Time Attendance
18	Policy 3210	Equal Education, Nondiscrimination and Sex Equity
19	Policy 3222	Distribution and Posting Materials
20	Policy 3233	Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
21	Policy 3530	Student Fundraising Activities
22	Policy 3550	Student Clubs
23	Policy 4331	Use of School Property for Posting Materials
24	Policy 5430	Volunteers

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26 Legal References:

27	§1-1-215, MCA	Residence – Rules for Determining
28	§20-5-109, MCA	Nonpublic School Requirements for Compulsory Enrollment Exemption
29	§20-5-112, MCA	Participation in Extracurricular Activities
30	§20-7-1306, MCA	Designation of Athletic Teams
31	§20-9-311, MCA	Calculation of Average Number of Belonging
32	§40-6-701, MCA	Interference with Fundamental Parental Rights Restricted
33	§40-6-703, MCA	Increase Parental Involvement in Education
34	34 C.F.R. 100.8(c)	Procedure for Effecting Compliance
35	Bostock v. Clayton County Georgia, 140 S.Ct. 1731 (2020)	

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