

Student Name: _____ School: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____



2026-2027 Confirmation of Receipt of Handbook Information

Please return this form to the teacher designated by your school (MS/HS only), classroom teacher (Elem) or to the "Main Office" by

Friday, September 11, 2026, or upon enrollment.



1. Great Fall District Student Handbook can be located under "Parents & Students" at:

<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/parents-students/student-handbook>

2. Please choose one (1) of the following options for your copy of the GFPS Student Handbook:

_____ ELECTRONIC COPY: I will access the handbook electronically (see number one to access).

_____ PRINTED COPY (option 1): I would like a print copy of the handbook sent home with my child.

_____ PRINTED COPY (option 2): I will come to the school to pick up a printed copy of the handbook in the Main Office.

3. Confirmation of receipt of handbook information

- ✓ I am aware that the electronic handbook contains information I will need to know during the school year. I understand that students are held accountable for their actions.
- ✓ I have read and understand the Great Falls Public Schools School-Parent Compact regarding school and parent responsibilities for supporting student learning.
- ✓ I understand that the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is included herein. If a student violates the agreements in the AUP, the consequences could include suspension of computer privileges and/or disciplinary or legal action. I also understand that using the computer network is a privilege and with that privilege comes responsibility.
- ✓ I have read and understand the annual notification to parents and guardians of the district's human sexuality instruction that is included herein.

4. Health Care Information

If your child has an ongoing medical condition that may require medical attention while at school, please check "yes" below. A Health Care Plan form will need to be filled out at your child's school. Examples include: migraines, seizure disorder, need for an inhaler -- even if the student manages the inhaler him/herself, etc.

_____ YES, my child has an ongoing health concern.

If your child is in need of a Health Care Plan, please contact your school secretary.

5. Release of Student Information

Regarding student records, federal law allows GFPS to release a variety of information about your child **unless you opt out by returning the form below.**

Specific student information might be released in the following ways:

- Listing your child's name on party lists (Valentine's Day, etc...)
- Posting of your child's birthday on a birthday bulletin board
- Printing your child's name and picture in the school yearbook
- Publishing of awards or accomplishments in the Tribune or school newsletter (Honor Roll lists, GPA lists, Student of the Week, etc.)
- Photographing, filming and/or interviewing your child for social media websites and/or by the local TV stations or the Tribune for educationally related stories
- Printing your child's name in the programs for music concerts and other holiday programs, award ceremonies, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Academic Bowl, math contests, Mathlete, and art contests
- Listing your child's name for team or activity rosters (may include height, weight, and year in school)
- Providing information to the military recruiters upon their request
- Providing information to college and athletic recruiters upon their request

As a matter of practice, we do not release information to persons or agencies that do not have a special need to know. In exercising your right to limit release of this information, you must fill out this page and return it to school by **September 11, 2026 or upon enrollment.**

Fill out the following checklist:

I am requesting that, until my son/daughter reaches the age of 18 when he/she may decide for him/herself, the Great Falls Public School District **NOT RELEASE** student directory information to the following entities that have an "X" placed in the box.

*Be aware that you are checking the box if you **DO NOT** want your child's name included.*

- ☐ **I do not want my child's student directory information released to ANYONE (including the yearbook and ALL other options listed below)**
- ☐ **I do not want my child's photograph to be included in the Montana State Office of Public Instruction Child Photograph repository for law enforcement use of identifying missing children (as required per MCA §20-7-1317)**
- ☐ **I do not want my child in the School Yearbook (school picture and name), event programs, or other such publications**
- ☐ **I do not want my child in the Great Falls Tribune, TV news stations, other media (including lists for honor roll, student of the week)**
- ☐ **I do not want my child in electronic media (school web page, social media websites, videotaping)**
- ☐ **I do not want information released to institutions of higher learning, including the University of Providence for direct admission (colleges, universities, and trade schools-HS Only)**

- ☐ **I do not** want technology checked out to my child without my permission
- ☐ **I do not** want information released to potential employers
- ☐ **I do not** want information provided to military recruiters
- ☐ **I do not** want my child in the list of graduates (given to the Great Falls Tribune-HS Only)
- ☐ **I do not** want my child in the graduation program (handed out at graduation to all attendees-HS Only)
- ☐ **I do not** want my child's name listed on the "Class" T-shirt (all senior names generally go on the back of a shirt that they receive with their all-night party ticket-HS Only)

Student Name Printed

Parent Signature

Date



REFRIGERATOR NOTE

SCHOOL DISRUPTIONS DUE TO EMERGENCIES INFO



Assume that school will be in session and buses will be running as scheduled unless there is official notification from the Superintendent to the contrary.

The Superintendent may order the cancellation of some or all bus routes; the delay of some or all bus routes; the closure of school; the delay of school start; and/or the early dismissal of school.

Parents should seek out information but try not to call the school. Notification may be made or accessed in the following ways:

- Mass phone and/or voicemail notification from the GFPS automated attendance system (*Parent Square*)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>
- GFPS Website: <https://www.gfps.k12.mt.us>
- Media websites: @KRTV, www.krtv.com, @KFBB, www.kfbb.com, @GFTribune, www.greatfallstribune.com
- Radio Stations: FM: 92.9, 94.5, 97.9, 98.9, 101.7, 102.7, 104.9, and 106.1
AM: 560 and 1450

Please be aware that GFPS has no control over media or radio station announcements.

- Call 406-268-6444 for a recorded message (you may reach a busy signal depending on caller volume)

Parents have the right and responsibility to make attendance decisions for your children based on individual circumstances.

Please communicate your decision to your child's school.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

- **Dress for the Weather!**
 - Dress appropriately for cold weather – sweaters, pants, winter coats, hats, scarves, socks and boots. Even when on a bus, the bus may not heat well in extreme cold. While unlikely, the bus may break down or get stuck. If your family needs assistance with cold weather attire, please talk to your student's principal.
 - Bad weather can happen at any time of the day so students should be prepared for that eventuality. Keep track of weather reports. A nice morning can turn into a freezing snowstorm by dismissal time. If your family needs assistance with cold weather attire, please talk to your student's principal.
 - Wear bright jackets or coats so bus drivers can easily see you in the morning or evening.
- **Plan Ahead!**
 - Allow extra travel time to get to the bus stop or school.
 - In bad weather, expect the bus to run late and be prepared for this event. If possible, wait at the bus stop with your child until the bus arrives. Students need the ability to get out of the elements in the event the bus is late. Make a plan for your child should the bus not come.
- **Keep a Safe Zone!**
 - Stand at least 10 steps away (or back) from bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop where there is snow or ice.
 - Do not walk or play on snow mounds or ice within 10 feet of the roadway – you could fall and slip into the roadway and be at risk of being struck by a vehicle.
 - Do not cross the street at your bus stop until all traffic has come to a complete stop and the bus driver has signaled that it is safe to cross.
- **Be Alert!**
 - Car drivers should keep their car windows clear of frost, ice and snow.
 - Stop! Look! Listen! Hoodies, headphones and electronic devices can distract students from paying attention to traffic.



Great Falls Public Schools
Student Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement
(GFHS Board Policy 3612P)



Great Falls Public Schools is pleased to offer our students access to the Internet and other electronic networks. The advantages afforded by the rich, digital resources available today outweigh any disadvantage. However, it is important to remember that access is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it responsibilities of digital citizenship for all involved.

Terms of Agreement

PLEASE REVIEW THE AGREEMENT BELOW AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE STUDENT/PARENT SIGN-OFF PAGE OF THE STUDENT HANDBOOK.

In order for a student to be allowed access to a school district electronic device, network, and the Internet, parents and students must review the agreement below, check the appropriate box on the student/parent sign-off page of the student handbook, sign and return annually.

Student Acceptable Uses

The District provides electronic information, services, and networks for educational purposes. All use must be in support of education and/or research, and in furtherance of the District's stated educational goals. Accordingly, regulations for participation by anyone on the Internet shall include but may not be limited to the following:

- **Access is a privilege**, not a right, and carries with it responsibilities of digital citizenship for all involved. Students will use appropriate language and/or images (e.g. no swearing, vulgarities, suggestive, obscene, inflammatory, belligerent, or threatening language and/or images). Students will practice respect for others, by never using any technology to harass, haze, intimidate, or bully anyone.
- **Students are responsible for all activity under their electronic accounts.** Students will not share passwords with other users or log in as someone other than themselves. The only exception may be teachers safeguarding the passwords of his/her students. Students will log off of devices and/or websites when finished.
- **Students will use school district-provided devices, networks, and Internet access for educational purposes only.** Uses that promote a personal commercial enterprise for personal gain through selling or buying over the school district's network are prohibited. Uses in regard to political agendas must be in compliance with state law and Board policy.

- **Students will protect the privacy of self and others.** Students will carefully safeguard last names, personal addresses, personal phone numbers, personal email addresses, passwords, photos, or other personal information on the Internet, including such items belonging to others. Students should be aware that when using many digital tools on the Internet, published work may be publicly accessible and permanently available.
- **The District reserves the right to monitor, inspect, backup, review, and store at any time** and without prior notice any and all usage of the school district network and Internet access, and any and all information transmitted or received in connection with such usage. This also includes any information stored on school district network or local electronic devices. All such information files shall be and remain accessible by the District, and no student shall have any expectation of privacy regarding such information. Students are advised that all material in whatever form in the school district system's network may be considered public record pursuant to MCA 2-6-102.
- **Student Photos/Student Work.** Publishing student pictures and work on websites promotes learning, collaboration, and provides an opportunity to share the achievements of students. If parents/guardians do not want a release of student directory information, including photos and school work, schools must be notified in writing (see page 2 of the District's Student Handbook).
- **While the District makes every effort to filter inappropriate material, it is possible for an industrious user to gain access to such material.** Inappropriate material is defined as material that violates generally accepted social standards. It is the student's responsibility not to initiate access to or to distribute inappropriate material or attempt to circumvent filters.
- **It is every student's responsibility to adhere to the copyright laws** of the United States (P.L. 94-553) and the Congressional Guidelines that delineate those laws regarding software, authorship, and copying information.
- **It is every student's responsibility to treat the physical and digital property of others with respect.** This includes proper treatment of digital devices and other hardware, the network system, and respecting others' electronic files. Students are not to remove, add or modify software, computer hardware or network equipment without prior Information Technology Department authorization.

Student Responsibilities

Students understand that access is a privilege, not a right, and carries with it responsibilities of digital citizenship for all involved. Students understand that if they choose not to follow the rules, they may lose computer privileges and/or have other consequences.

Limitations of Use

Students must refrain from these activities, none of which are all inclusive:

- Uses that violate local, state and/or federal laws or encourage others to violate the law.
- Uses that include the transmission of offensive or harassing messages.
- Uses that offer for sale or use any substance of which the possession or use of is prohibited by the District's student discipline policy.
- Uses that violate generally accepted social standards of public communication such as the access of:
 - Pornographic, sexual, or obscene content;
 - Personal dating or connection sites;
 - Drugs, alcohol and gambling content; and/or
 - Hate speech, violence, weapons, and cult content.
- Uses that intrude into the networks, computers or information owned by others.
- Uses that include the downloading or transmitting of confidential, trade secret, or copyrighted information or materials.
- Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property.
- Uses that engage in defamation (harming another's reputation by lies).
- Uses that employ another's password.
- Uses that mislead message recipients into believing that someone other than the sender is communicating or otherwise using his/her access to the network or the Internet.
- Uses that cause the uploading of a worm, virus, other harmful form of programming or vandalism.
- Uses that are "hacking" or any form of unauthorized access to other computers, networks, or other information.
- Uses that jeopardize the security of student access and of the computer network or other networks on the Internet.
- Uses that promote a personal commercial enterprise for personal gain through selling or buying over the District's network.
- Uses that promote an individual's political agenda to include soliciting support for or opposition to any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office, or the passage of a ballot issue.

Password Protections

Users' network passwords are provided for their personal use; therefore, students are expected to protect their own and other's passwords. In order to do so, note the following:

- Students should not share their password with anyone.
- Students should not log into the network with another user's login name and password.
- If a student suspects someone has discovered their password, they should change it or have it changed immediately.
- Students shall not intentionally seek information on, obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users.
- Students should log off District devices when finished.

Other Expectations

- Students must print only with permission from a teacher.
- Students must tell a teacher if he/she reads or sees something on a device that is inappropriate and/or limited (See above list of limitations).
- Students must tell a teacher if a device has been changed in any way.

Teacher Responsibilities

Teachers will provide guidance to students as they access electronic information, services, and networks **for educational purposes**. Teachers will:

- Inform all students of their rights and responsibilities as users of the district network prior to granting access to that network, either as an individual user or as a member of a class or group.
- Monitor when students are accessing the Internet.
- Address student infractions of the Acceptable Use Agreement according to the school discipline policy.
- Provide curriculum-appropriate alternate activities for students who do not have permission to use the Internet or a particular digital tool.
- Guide student use of identifiable photographs, referencing student directory release of information.
- Follow the Child Online Privacy Protection Act (**COPPA**) guidelines when using digital tools in the classroom.

Principal Responsibilities

Principals will provide support to teachers and students in following the Student Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement. Principals will:

- Address student infractions of the Acceptable Use Agreement according to school discipline policy.
- Provide an updated list of students who do not have permission to use the Internet, to use particular digital tools, or to have works or images displayed online.

District Responsibilities

The District will provide support to principals, teachers, and students in following the Student Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement. The District will:

- Ensure that Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)-compliant filtering technology is in use.
- Review the Staff and Student Acceptable Use Agreements as necessary.
- Annually review this policy (staff)
- Provide professional development for staff regarding expected behavior concerning this agreement.
- Ensure curriculum reflects digital citizenship.

Acceptable Uses of Personal Devices on the District Network

Students may bring their own personal electronic devices which may or may not be able to connect to the District/school wireless network. When using personal electronic devices, students must abide by the Acceptable Use Agreement, in addition to the following. Students will:

- Use personal devices in class only with the teacher's express permission.
- Only connect to the District/school wireless guest network and NOT to the District/school wired network. Students understand if their personal device is found wired to the District/school network, the device will be removed and turned into the administrator.
- Only use devices with up-to-date virus protection software.
- Turn off all peer-to-peer (music/video/file-sharing) software or web-hosting services on their device while connected to the District/school wireless network.
- Understand the security, care, and maintenance of their device is their responsibility. Student devices will be securely stored when not in use.
- Understand that the District/school is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of student devices. Students are fully responsible for their property while at school. Students understand that if they should leave their device in the custody of a staff member, that the staff member is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of the student device.
- Understand the Information Technology Department will not provide support for personal devices. Students are fully responsible for making their device work within the parameters defined in this agreement. If they are unable to make their personal device work within these parameters and the given time allotted by the teacher, the student will need to use a device that is provided by the District/school to prevent any interruption to instruction and learning.
- Understand that school staff may access student personal electronic devices if there is reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that they are violating the law,

Board policy, administrative regulation, or other rules of the District or the school. This may include, but is not limited to, audio and video recording, photographs taken on District/school property that violates the privacy of others, issues regarding bullying, verification that the student's device is connected to the District/school network, etc. Students will provide appropriate login credentials to the device if required. Failure to provide access is insubordination and will be deemed satisfactory evidence that the student device contains content that violates this section.

- Not use an audio/video recording device, to record media or take photos during school hours unless given permission from both a staff member and those being recorded.

Failure to Follow Acceptable Use Agreement

Use of the school district electronic devices, network, and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. A student who violates this agreement is subject to disciplinary action according to District Policy. Note that some infractions of this Acceptable Use Agreement may be criminal, and as such, legal action may be taken.

References:

Policy 3225	Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
Policy 3226	Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying
Policy 3231	Searches and Seizure
Policy 3300	Corrective Actions and Punishments
Policy 3310	Student Discipline
Policy 3310P	Academic Honesty and Responsible Use of Resources
Policy 3630	Cellular Telephone and Electronic Signaling Device Policy
Policy 3612	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
Policy 5450	Employee Electronic Mail and Online Services Usage
Policy 5450F	Staff Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement
Policy 5460	Electronic Resources and Social Networking

Legal References:

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
Child Online Privacy Protection Act (OPPA)
Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Acceptable Use Agreement History:

Adopted: July 9, 2018
Revised on: August 22, 2022
Revised on: May 11, 2026

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDICAL EXAM NOTIFICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Great Falls Public Schools provides optional medical examinations at the school for students whose parents provide written consent. This notice is intended to inform parents that the following medical examinations will be provided at the school on the scheduled dates. A family who wants their student to receive the school-based screening listed below may provide consent to such examination(s) by completing this form.

Hearing Screening:

Each year, Great Falls Public Schools completes a hearing screening to detect hearing loss. All kindergarten students, first grade students and those new to the state of Montana will have the opportunity to have their hearing screened. This examination will be provided at _____ on _____.

Please initial:

_____ Yes, I provide consent for my student to receive the hearing screening.

_____ No, I do **NOT** provide consent for my student to receive the hearing screening.

Vision Screening:

Great Falls Public Schools will collaborate with a local Lion's Club to provide vision screenings to **Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 6th grade students**. The vision screening is performed using a PlusoptiX SI 2C Mobile Vision Screener. A notice will be sent home for any child receiving a recommendation for further testing. The screening is scheduled to be done _____.

Please initial:

_____ Yes, I provide consent for my student to receive the vision screening.

_____ No, I do **NOT** provide consent for my student to receive the vision screening.

Dental Screening:

The Cascade City-County Health Department partners with volunteer dentists from the Fourth District Dental Society to provide free visual dental screenings in the elementary schools of Cascade County. Children **in grades 1, 3, and 5** will be offered this free dental screening. The results will be sent home to let parents know if their child has any potential health issues. You will be notified by your child's school when a dentist is scheduled to visit.

Please initial:

_____ Yes, I provide consent for my student to receive the visual dental screening

_____ No, I do NOT provide consent for my student to receive the visual dental screening.

As a parent/guardian of a student, you have the right to authorize your child to attend or receive the examination(s) in accordance with Montana law and District policy by completing, signing, and submitting this form prior to the date identified for each medical service (School Board Policy 3410 see back of form).

A student seeking such services whose parents have not completed this form will not receive the examination(s) and will be redirected to the parent/guardian in accordance with the decision noted on this form.

I provide consent for my student _____ to receive the examination(s) described above at the Great Falls Public School District.

Parent

Date:

Great Falls Public Schools
Medical Exam Notification
(GFPS School Board Policy 3410)

Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations

The Board may arrange each year for health services to be provided to all students. Such services may include, but not be limited to:

- The development of procedures at each building for the isolation and temporary care of students who become ill during the school day;
- Consulting services of a qualified specialist for staff, students, and parents;
- Vision, hearing, and dental screening;
- Any physical examinations or screenings;
- Immunization as provided by the Department of Public Health & Human Services;
- Any mental health services or screenings.

In general, the District will notify parents of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when screening administered by the District is conducted.

Parents/guardians will receive written notice of any screening result which indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

All parents will be notified of requirements of the District's policy on physical examinations and screening of students, at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in the policy which is:

- Required as a condition of attendance.
- Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance.
- Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students.

Parents or eligible students will be given the opportunity to consent to the above-described screenings.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities will be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity. Students participating in activities governed by the Montana High School Association will be required to follow the rules of that organization, as well as other applicable District policies, rules, and regulations.

Cross References:

Policy 2158 Parental and Family Engagement

Policy 3305 Seclusion and Restraint

Policy 331OP Risk Assessment

Policy 3431 Emergency Treatment

Legal Reference:

§ 20-3-324(20), MCA Powers and Duties

§ 40-6-701, MCA Parental Rights

20 U.S.C. 1232h(b), General Provision Concerning Education

Policy History:

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT • 1100 4TH STREET SOUTH • P.O. BOX 2429,
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403 • 406.268.6020 • WWW.GFPS.K12.MT.US

Dear Elementary Parents,

We hope your school year has been great to this point for you and your student(s). The Montana legislature has passed a law that places requirements on schools to notify parents about certain instructional topics. In this case, MC 20-7-120 requires schools to notify parents concerning any course that teaches topics related to human sexuality. GFPS teachers work hard to ensure the curriculum we deliver is responsible and developmentally appropriate for young children. **In a review of all curriculum in grades K-6, there are two areas to which the law applies.**

- The 5th and 6th Grade Health Enhancement curriculum includes a lesson in human growth and development. There is also a separate lesson on AIDS education for both grades.
- K-6 Personal Safety Counseling Lessons (specifically safe touch lessons including the terminology "private parts").

Prior to any of these lessons being taught, Great Falls Public Schools parents will be notified. Parents have always had the right to review any of our curriculum. That open approach is reflected in our School Board Policy 2335 which states that parents can request their child be excluded from these lessons without prejudice.

If you have any questions or concerns or you would like to view the curriculum materials, please call the principal at your student's school.

Sincerely,

Lance Boyd
Executive Director of
Student Achievement- East Side
406-268-6008

Jackie Mainwaring
Executive Director of
Student Achievement – West Side
406-268-6006

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Authorization to Participate

East Middle School offers volunteer participation in student clubs. A list of clubs that have been offered at EMS is below. Active clubs that are currently offered at EMS can be seen on our website (link below), where you are able to read club description(s) and advisor(s) name.

Academic Bowl	Art	Artful Beading
Art Therapy	Band Switchers	Basic Engineering
Basic Survival	Basketball	Beginner Crochet
Book Club	Card & Dice Games	Chess
Color Your Heart Out	Colorful Creations	Community
Creative Writing	Cribbage	Fiddlers
Crocheting	Diamond Art	Sewing
For the Birds	GFHS Ultimate Football	Inclusion
Game of Tournaments	Jazz Band	Kitchen Science
Origami	Playing Cards: Skill & Strategy	Rock and Mineral
Outreach	Ultimate Football	Critical Thinking
Rock Painting	Sports History	Word Searches
Sole	Training	Sign Language
Sudoku	Writers Lounge	Strategic Thinking
Weight / Strength	The Great Outdoors	Your Brain Loves to Color
	Working with Weights for All	Taylor Swift: Lyrics & Bracelets

Other clubs may be added on an ongoing basis. Please check the EMS website for the most current active clubs, club descriptions & names of advisors:

Parental permission is required for the student to participate in any/all club(s). By signing this form, you give permission for your child to participate in the club(s) identified by you and:

- Agree the student is fully capable of participating in the club or clubs and agree to disclose all known limitations to the district, including, but not limited to; medical conditions, physical limitations, and any other limitation known to the student or the parents.
- Understand and acknowledge that the student may not be skilled in one or all of the clubs;
- Understand and acknowledge that the student is subject to all eligibility requirements adopted by the district for participation as well as any governing agency, including but not limited to the Montana High School Association;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any club(s) may require a degree of skill and knowledge which the student may not possess;
- Understand and acknowledge that the club in which the student seeks to participate may require an audition or try-out to determine if the student has the required skills/abilities to

participate and that the student may be “cut” from the club through the audition/try-out process;

- Understand and acknowledge that the district has informed us that certain risks are inherent in some clubs and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the club. These risks may include, but are not limited to; the inherent dangers related to sports, athletic events, hazards of traveling in and to areas without medical services or care, dangers due to the forces of nature (including, but not limited to, avalanches, lightning, fire, inclement weather, exposure, flooding), dehydration, falls, injury caused by malfunction or failure of any equipment, injury or sickness resulting from food, allergies, transportation accidents, and others;
- Understand and acknowledge that the foregoing description of risks is incomplete, and these risks and other unlisted, unknown, or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any club(s) may require a participant to listen to any instructions, warnings, or risk assessments of the district, to ask for instruction or clarification whenever needed, and to follow instructions; and
- Understand and acknowledge that the district may remove the student from club(s) for any breach of safety policies, or any conduct that the district deems unsafe.

The student and parents hereby consent to the student participating in the club(s) identified in spite of, and with full knowledge of, risks which may be associated with that club.

By signing this Agreement, the student and parents acknowledge they have carefully read and understand its content.

I give permission for my student to participate in ONLY the club(s) I’ve listed below:

My child has permission to participate in ALL of the clubs listed on this form, and/or currently offered at EMS, as well as new clubs that may be added for the 2026-2027 school year. I understand that only currently active club(s) are listed on the EMS website, so not all clubs listed above may be available to participate in at this time.

STUDENT NAME	STUDENT SIGNATURE	DATE
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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
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NOTE: Please return this form to the club advisor.

Signed permission must be provided before a student can participate in a club or activity



Be a Champion!

North Middle School : #GoGriz!



Club Permission Form 2026-2027 Authorization to Participate and Record

The District offers student clubs and extracurricular activities, events, and programs to the student, including, but not limited to, curricular and co-curricular programs and clubs and transportation and lodging to, from, and associated with these activities (collectively “Clubs and Activities”). Below is a list of some of the clubs being offered this year at North Middle School.

8 th Grade Gym Activities	8 th Grade Announcements	8 th Grade Cooking
Archery	Bear Force 1	Brain Based Board Games
Bunco	Card Club	Cartography
Coloring for Relaxation	Cozy Craft	Cribbage
Debate	Desmos and Polypad	Drawing
Art and Music	Fly-tying	Games Galore
Ghost Adventures	Graphic Novel	Holey-Moley
Journal	Junk Journal	Listening
Local History	Math/Stem	Military Matters
NMS Student Government	Orch. Open Practice	Paint by Number
Quiz and Chill	Reading	Science
Series Readers	Singo	Uno
Yearbook	Special Olympics MT Unified Champion Club	
Weightlifting	Percy Jackson and the Olympians	

Parental permission is required for the student to participate in a Club or Activity. By signing this form, you permit your child to participate in the Club(s) and Activity(ies) identified by you and:

- Agree the student is fully capable of participating in the Club/Activity or Clubs/Activities and agree to disclose all known limitations to the District, including, but not limited to; medical conditions, physical limitations, and any other limitation known to the student or the parents.
- Understand and acknowledge that the student may not be skilled in one or all of the Clubs and Activities;
- Understand and acknowledge that the student is subject to all eligibility requirements adopted by the District for participation as well as any governing agency, including but not limited to the Montana High School Association;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge that the student may not possess;
- Understand and acknowledge that the Club or Activity in which the student seeks to participate may require an audition or try-out to determine if the student has the required skills/abilities to participate and that the student may be “cut”

from the Club or Activity through the audition/try-out process;

- Understand and acknowledge that the District has informed us that certain risks are inherent in some Clubs and Activities and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Club and/or Activity. These risks may include, but are not limited to; the inherent dangers related to sports, and athletic events, hazards of traveling in and to areas without medical services or care, dangers due to the forces of nature (including, but not limited to, avalanches, lightning, fire, inclement weather, exposure, flooding), dehydration, falls, injury caused by malfunction or failure of any equipment, injury or sickness resulting from food, allergies, transportation accidents, and others;
- Understand and acknowledge that the foregoing description of risks is incomplete, and these risks and other unlisted, unknown, or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Activity may require a participant to listen to any instructions, warnings, or risk assessments of the District, to ask for instruction or clarification whenever needed, and to follow instructions; and
- Understand and acknowledge that the District may remove the student from Activities for any breach of safety policies, or any conduct that the District deems unsafe.

You further acknowledge and consent to the student being recorded by audio or video means by a school employee/representative/coach/advisor during participation in a Club or Activity for purposes of coaching or instruction.

The student and parents hereby consent to the student participating in the Club(s) and Activity(ies) identified despite, and with full knowledge of, risks which may be associated with that Activity.

By signing this Agreement, the Student and Parents acknowledge they have carefully read and understand its contents.

☐ I permit for my child to participate in ANY of the clubs listed above.

Or, please list the club(s) for which permission is NOT given for the Student to participate (if available) :

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

*Please return this form to your Connection teacher. Signed permission **must be** provided before a student can participate in a Club or Activity.*



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Middle School Parents,

We hope your school year has been great to this point for you and your student. The Montana legislature has passed a law that places certain requirements on schools. In this case, MCA 20-7-120 requires schools to send a letter to parents concerning any course that teaches any of the listed topics: human sexuality - including intimate relationships, human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexually transmitted infections, sexual acts, sexual orientation, gender identity, abstinence, contraception, or reproductive rights and responsibilities.

Throughout the years, GFPS has always worked hard to find responsible and developmentally appropriate curriculum for our students. This includes developing curriculum designed to be responsive to family concerns and educate students in the areas of health and science.

At the middle school level these courses have limited and responsible exposure to a few of the subject areas listed above:

- 7th and 8th Grade Health (Diseases, including STD's)
- 7th Grade Science (Life Science Reproduction, and Limited Anatomy)
- 7th Grade Family and Consumer Science (Healthy Relationship vs. Unhealthy)

Great Falls Public Schools parents have always had the right to review any of our curriculums. That open approach to our curriculum has always occurred and is reflected in our School Board Policy 2335 which states: "Parents may ask to review the materials to be used and may request that their child be excluded from sex education class sessions without prejudice."

If you have any questions or concerns or you would like to view the curriculums, please call the principal at your student's school. To reach the North Middle School Principal, Brian Miller, please call 268-6530 and, to reach the East Middle School Principal, Reannon Medrano, call 268-6503.

Sincerely,

Lance Boyd
Executive Director of Student Achievement- East
(406) 268-6008

Jackie Mainwaring
Executive Director of Student Achievement- West
(406) 268-6006



**Club Permission Form
Authorization to Participate and Record**

The District offers student clubs and extracurricular activities, events, and programs to the student, including, but not limited to, curricular and co-curricular programs and clubs and transportation and lodging to, from, and associated with these activities (collectively “Clubs and Activities”).

Art Club	International Club
Business Professional of American BPA	Key Club
Chess Club	Lunch Bunch Mentoring
JROTC	We Are Rustlers
DECA	News Club
Exceptionalities Mentor Group	Peer Mentor Group
Family Career and Community Leaders of America	R Wildcats Mentoring Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Skills USA
Speech & Debate	Full Orchestra
HOSA: Future Health Professionals	Gardening Club
PRG Dungeons & Dragon Club	Students of Services
Montana Educational Talent Search (METS)	Indigenous Club

***Other clubs may be added on an ongoing basis. Please check the CMR website for the most current list and club descriptions. <https://cmrhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/>**

Parental permission is required for the student to participate in a Club or Activity. By signing this form, you give permission for your child to participate in the Club(s) and Activity(ies) identified by you and:

- Agree the Student is fully capable of participating in the Club/Activity or Clubs/Activities and agree to disclose all known limitations to the District, including, but not limited to; medical conditions, physical limitations, and any other limitation known to the Student or the Parents.
- Understand and acknowledge that the student may not be skilled in one or all of the Clubs and Activities;
- Understand and acknowledge that the student is subject to all eligibility requirements adopted by the District for participation as well as any governing agency, including but not limited to the Montana High School Association;

- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge which the student may not possess;
- Understand and acknowledge that the Club or Activity in which the student seeks to participate may require an audition or try-out to determine if the student has the required skills/abilities to participate and that the Student may be “cut” from the Club or Activity through the audition/try-out process;
- Understand and acknowledge that the District has informed us that certain risks are inherent in some Clubs and Activities and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Club and/or Activity. These risks may include, but are not limited to; the inherent dangers related to sports, athletic events, hazards of traveling in and to areas without medical services or care, dangers due to the forces of nature (including, but not limited to, avalanches, lightning, fire, inclement weather, exposure, flooding), dehydration, falls, injury caused by malfunction or failure of any equipment, injury or sickness resulting from food, allergies, transportation accidents, and others;
- Understand and acknowledge that the foregoing description of risks is incomplete, and these risks and other unlisted, unknown, or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death.
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Activity may require a participant to listen to any instructions, warnings, or risk assessments of the District, to ask for instruction or clarification whenever needed, and to follow instructions; and
- Understand and acknowledge that the District may remove the student from Activities for any breach of safety policies, or any conduct that the District deems unsafe.

You further acknowledge and consent to the student being recorded by audio or video means by a school employee/representative/coach/advisor during participation in a Club or Activity for purposes of coaching or instruction.

The student and parents hereby consent to the student participating in the Club(s) and Activity(ies) identified in spite of, and with full knowledge of, risks which may be associated with that Activity.

By signing this Agreement, the student and parents acknowledge they have carefully read and understand its contents.

Club(s) and/or Activity(ies) for which permission is given for the student to participate:

☐ My child has permission to participate in all of the clubs listed on page one.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return this form to the club advisor. Signed permission must be provided before a student can participate in a Club or Activity.



Club Permission Form 2026-2027

Authorization to Participate

Great Falls High School offers volunteer participation in student clubs. A list of clubs that have been offered at GFHS is below. Active clubs that are currently offered at GFHS can be seen on our website (link below), where you are able to read club description(s) and Advisor(s) name(s).

Art Club	I Am Bison – IMB
Bike Club	Indigenous
Business Professionals of America BPA	JROTC
Chess Club	Key Club
Classic Card Club	Young Life
Crochet Club	Rocketry Club
Cyber Patriots	Role-Playing Game Club – RPG Club
DECA	Ski & Board Club
Drama	Skills USA
Family Career & Community Leaders of American	Spanish Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Speech & Debate
Gardening Club	Student Culture Survey
Geology Club	Student Government
Welding Club	German Club
Writing Club	HOSA: Future Health Professionals
Montana Educational Talent Search (METS)	“Love Our Campus” Club

Other clubs may be added on an ongoing basis. Please check the GFHS website for the most current active clubs, club descriptions & names of Advisors:

<https://gfhs.gfps.k12.mt.us/parents-students/clubs>

Parental permission is required for the student to participate in any/all Club(s). By signing this form, you give permission for your child to participate in the Club(s) identified by you and:

- Agree the student is fully capable of participating in the Club or Clubs and agree to disclose all known limitations to the District, including, but not limited to; medical conditions, physical limitations, and any other limitations known to the student or the Parents.
- Understand and acknowledge that the student may not be skilled in one or all of the Clubs;
- Understand and acknowledge that the student is subject to all eligibility requirements adopted by the District for participation as well as any governing agency, including but not limited to the Montana High School Association;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Club(s) may require a degree of skill and knowledge which the student may not possess;

- Understand and acknowledge that the Club in which the student seeks to participate may require an audition or try-out to determine if the student has the required skills/abilities to participate and that the student may be “cut” from the Club through the audition/try-out process;
- Understand and acknowledge that the District has informed us that certain risks are inherent in some Clubs and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Club. These risks may include, but are not limited to; the inherent dangers related to sports, athletic events, hazards of traveling in and to areas without medical services or care, dangers due to the forces of nature (including, but not limited to, avalanches, lightning, fire, inclement weather, exposure, flooding), dehydration, falls, injury caused by malfunction or failure of any equipment, injury or sickness resulting from food, allergies, transportation accidents, and others;
- Understand and acknowledge that the foregoing description of risks is incomplete, and these risks and other unlisted, unknown, or unanticipated risks may result in injury or death;
- Understand and acknowledge that engaging in any Club(s) may require a participant to listen to any instructions, warnings, or risk assessments of the District, to ask for instruction or clarification whenever needed, and to follow instructions; and
- Understand and acknowledge that the District may remove the Student from Club(s) for any breach of safety policies, or any conduct that the District deems unsafe.

The student and parents hereby consent to the student participating in the Club(s) identified in spite of, and with full knowledge of, risks which may be associated with that Club.

By signing this Agreement, the Student and Parents acknowledge they have carefully read and understand its contents.

- **I give permission for my student to participate in ONLY the Club(s) I’ve listed below:**

- ☐ My child has permission to participate in ALL of the Clubs listed on this form, and/or currently offered at GFHS, as well as new clubs that may be added for the 2026-2027 school year. I understand that only currently active Club(s) are listed on the GFHS website, so not all clubs listed above may be available to participate in at this time.

Student Name	Student Signature	Date
Name of Parent/Guardian	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

NOTE: Please return this completed form to the GFHS Main Office. Signed permission must be provided before a student can participate in any Club.