Billings School District 2

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Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct

Equal Educational Opportunity

The District recognizes and celebrates Montana's Constitutional guarantee of equal educational opportunity to each person in this state. To that end, the District will make equal educational opportunities available for all students of the District without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, ethnicity, language barrier, religious belief, political belief, physical or mental handicap or disability, economic or social condition, age, or actual or potential marital or parental status. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and other rights or privileges of enrollment.

In addition, the District will not tolerate harassment, intimidation, bullying, or hazing as set forth in Policy 3210. If such conduct is based on or motivated by race, color, national origin, sex, age, political beliefs, religion, creed, physical or mental handicap or disability, or marital status, the District will consider such behavior as constituting discrimination in violation of state and federal law.

Any student or responsible adult with questions about this policy is encouraged to address the question first to the student's building administrator. The student or responsible adult may also address questions concerning this policy to the Superintendent or to the appropriate Executive Director. Any individual may file a complaint alleging violation of this policy by following the procedure outlined in Policy 3230, Policy 1700, Policy 3210 and use of the related reporting forms.

Pursuant to federal law, the District will notify annually all students, the responsible adult, and staff of this policy and the name and location of the designated District coordinator to receive inquiries. The annual notification will also be included in all student handbooks.

Cross References:

Number	Title
3210-F1	Form: Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Incident Reporting Form
3200	Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Conduct
3201	Student Freedom of Expression
3202	Student Publications
3224	Student Dress
3203-P1	Student Dress – Gang Activity or Association and Extracurricular Activities
3204	Searches and Seizures
3204-P1	Searches of Students and Their Property

Number	Title
3204-P2	Video Surveillance
3204-P3	Video Surveillance -- School Buses, Vehicles, School Buildings and Grounds
3205	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3205-P1	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for Students
3210	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
3210-F1	Form: Billings Public Schools – Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Incident Reporting Form
3220	Equal Educational Opportunity (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3230	Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment (use reporting Form 3210-F1)
3235	Student Drug and Chemical Use and Abuse
3240	Tobacco Free Schools
3250	Gun-Free Schools
3255	Bomb Threats and Threats of Hazardous Substances
6430	Development of Administrative Procedures
1700	Uniform Complaint Procedure

Legal References:

§ 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school
§ 20-5-102, MCA Compulsory enrollment and excuses
§ 20-5-103, MCA Compulsory attendance and excuses
§ 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions
§ 20-5-202, MCA Suspension and expulsion
§ 20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment

Tinker v. Des Moines Ind. Sch. Dist., 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969)

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