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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Discipline

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7 The Board grants authority to a teacher or principal to hold a student to strict accountability for  
8 disorderly conduct in school, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess.

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10 Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct,  
11 including but not limited to instances set forth below:

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- 13 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, and alternative  
14 nicotine and vapor products as defined in 16-11-302, MCA.
  - 15 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages, including  
16 powdered alcohol. Students who may be under the influence of alcohol will not be  
17 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had alcohol in  
18 their possession.
  - 19 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs,  
20 controlled substances, or any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic  
21 drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage,  
22 stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain  
23 chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited  
24 to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be  
25 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their  
26 possession.
  - 27 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of  
28 Weapons other than Firearms” section in policy 3311.
  - 29 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be  
30 considered or used as a weapon as referred to in policy 3311.
  - 31 • Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials or disobeying rules and  
32 regulations governing student conduct.
  - 33 • Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable  
34 conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
  - 35 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school  
36 property or another person’s property.
  - 37 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an  
38 educational function or any other disruptive activity.
  - 39 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic  
40 and habitual truants.
  - 41 • Intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing or bullying; or  
42 retaliation against any person who alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226 or  
43 participated in an investigation into alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226.
  - 44 • Defaces or damages any school building, school grounds, furniture, equipment, or book  
45 belonging to the district.
  - 46 • Forging any signature or making any false entry or attempting to authorize any document

used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of a school.

These grounds stated above for disciplinary action apply whenever a student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to the circumstances set forth below:

- On school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any other time when school is being used by a school group.
- Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school.
- Travel to and from school or a school activity, function, or event.
- Anywhere conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of bullying of a staff member or student, or an interference with school purposes or an educational function.

#### Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:

- Expulsion
- Suspension
- Detention, including Saturday school
- Clean-up duty
- Loss of student privileges
- Loss of bus privileges
- Notification to juvenile authorities and/or police
- Restitution for damages to school property

No District employee or person engaged by the District may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment on a student. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force. District personnel are permitted to use as needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons or for the purpose of self-defense.

#### Non-Disciplinary Measures

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to assign a student to non-disciplinary offsite instruction pending the results of an investigation or for reasons related to the safety or well-being of students and staff. During the period of non-disciplinary offsite instruction, the student will be permitted to complete all assigned schoolwork for full credit. The assignment of non-disciplinary offsite instruction does not preclude the Superintendent or designee from disciplining a student who has, after investigation, been found to have violated a School District policy, rule, or handbook provision.

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Delegation of Authority

The Board grants authority to any teacher and to any other school personnel to impose on students under their charge any disciplinary measure, other than suspension or expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with policies and rules on student discipline. The Board authorizes teachers to remove students from classrooms for disruptive behavior.

Cross Reference:	3300	Suspension and Expulsion
	3225	Sexual Harassment of Students
	3226	Bullying, Harassment
	5015	Bullying, Harassment
Legal Reference:	§ 16-11-302(1)(7), MCA	Definitions
	§ 20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment – penalty – defense
	§ 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and expulsion
	§ 45-8-361, MCA	Possession or allowing possession of weapon in school building – exceptions – penalties – seizure and forfeiture or return authorized – definitions
	§ 45-5-637, MCA	Possession or consumption of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products by persons under 18 years of age is prohibited – unlawful attempt to purchase - penalties
	29 U.S.C. § 701	Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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