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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 the Superintendent 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, including alternative
- 14 nicotine and vapor products as defined in 16-11-302, MCA.
- 15 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who may be
- 16 under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated
- 17 as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- 18 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling illegal drugs ,controlled substances , or any
- 19 substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug,
- 20 amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of
- 21 any kind, including such substances that contain chemicals which produce the same effect of
- 22 illegal substances including but not limited to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the
- 23 influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated
- 24 as though they had drugs in their possession.
- 25 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of a
- 26 Weapon in a School Building” section of this policy.
- 27 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be considered or
- 28 used as a weapon.
- 29 • Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials or disobeying rules and regulations
- 30 governing student conduct.
- 31 • Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable conduct
- 32 toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
- 33 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or
- 34 another person’s property.
- 35 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational
- 36 function or any other disruptive activity.
- 37 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic and
- 38 habitual truants.
- 39 • Hazing or bullying.
- 40 • Forging any signature or making any false entry or attempting to authorize any document used or
- 41 intended to be used in connection with the operation of a school.
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43 These grounds stated above for disciplinary action apply whenever a student’s conduct is reasonably
44 related to school or school activities, including but not limited to the circumstances set forth below:

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

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:

- Expulsion
- Suspension (ISS,OSS)
- Detention
- 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.

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
	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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