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§ 20-1-308, MCA

§ 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school Compulsory enrollment and excuses § 20-5-102, MCA § 20-5-103, MCA Compulsory attendance and excuses § 20-5-104, MCA Attendance officer § 20-5-106, MCA Truancy § 20-5-107, MCA Incapacitated and indigent child attendance § 20-5-108, MCA Tribal agreement with district for Indian child compulsory attendance and other agreements Suspension and Expulsion § 20-5-202, MCA

Are excused by the Board on a determination that attendance after age of sixteen (16) is

Religious instruction released time program

Are enrolled in a school in another district or state; or

not in the best interests of the child and the school.

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### Attendance Policy - Truancy

Students are expected to attend all assigned classes each day. Teachers shall keep a record of absence and tardiness. Before the end of the school day, each school shall attempt to contact every parent, guardian, or custodian whose child is absent from school but who has not reported the child as absent for the school day, to determine whether the parent, guardian, or custodian is aware of the child's absence from school.

For the purpose of this policy "truant" or "truancy" means the persistent non-attendance without excuse, as defined by this policy, for all or any part of a school day equivalent to the length of one class period of a child required to attend a school under 20-5-103. "Habitual truancy" means recorded unexcused absences of 9 or more days or 54 or more parts of a day, whichever is less, in 1 school year.

The Bigfork School District's definition of non-attendance without excuse is stated in Board Policy 3122 and in the student handbook.

The Bigfork School District has appointed the Administration as the Attendance Officer(s) of the district.

The Attendance Officer shall have the powers and duties as stated in 20-5-105(1) (Section 2), MCA.

25	Legal Reference:	§ 20-5-103, MCA	Compulsory attendance and excuses
26		§ 20-5-104, MCA	Attendance officer
27		§ 20-5-105, MCA	Attendance officer – powers and duties
28		§ 20-5-106, MCA	Truancy
29		§ 20-5-107, MCA	Incapacitated and indigent child attendance
30		§ 41-5-103(22), MCA	Definitions

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### **Education of Homeless Children**

Every child of a homeless individual and every homeless child are entitled to equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to children with permanent housing. The District must assign and admit a child who is homeless to a District school regardless of residence and irrespective of whether the homeless child is able to produce records normally required for enrollment. The District may not require an out-of-District attendance agreement and tuition for a homeless child.

Should a child become homeless over the course of the school year, the child must be able to remain at the school of origin.

The Superintendent will review and revise as necessary rules or procedures that may be barriers to enrollment of homeless children and youths. In reviewing and revising such procedures, the Superintendent will consider issues of transportation, immunization, residence, birth certificates, school records, and other documentation.

Homeless students will have access to services comparable those offered to other students, including but not limited to:

- 1. Transportation services;
- 24 2. Educational services for which a student meets eligibility criteria (e.g., Title I);
  - 3. Educational programs for children with disabilities and limited English proficiency;
- 26 4. Programs in vocational and technical education:
  - 5. Programs for gifted and talented students; and
- 28 6. School nutrition program.

The Superintendent will give special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youths not currently attending school. The Superintendent will appoint a liaison for homeless children. A "homeless individual" is defined as provided in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

 Anyone having a concern or complaint regarding placement or education of a homeless child will first present it orally and informally to the District homeless liaison. To further ensure that the District is removing barriers to the educational access and success of children and youths who are homeless, and to ensure that Title 1 funding is expended in an appropriate manner.

Cross Reference: 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure

3125F McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Assistance Dispute Resolution

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. §§42 U.S.C. § 11301 et seq 11431, et seq.

McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

44 § 20-5-101, MCA Admittance of child to school

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The District will not tolerate hostile or abusive treatment, derogatory remarks, or acts of violence against students, staff, or volunteers with disabilities. The District will consider such behavior as constituting discrimination on the basis of disability, in violation of state and federal law.

Cross Reference:	1700	Uniform Complaint Procedure
	3200	Student Rights and Responsibilities
	3225	Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
	3226	Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing

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5	Legal Reference:	Art. X. Sec. 7. Montana Con	stitution- Nondiscrimination in education
6	J	§ 49-2-307, MCA	Discrimination in education
7		24.9.1001, et seq., ARM	Sex Discrimination in Education
8		Title IX of the Educational A	Amendments, 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.
9		34 CFR Part 106	Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in
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### Sexual Harassment of Students

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The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that it operates. The District is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the regulations promulgated through the U.S. Department of Education not to discriminate in such a manner. Inquiries about the application of Title IX to the District may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the Department of Education, or both.

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14 15 Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, at any time, including during non-business hours. Such a report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report.

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For purposes of this policy and the grievance process, "sexual harassment" means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

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A District employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;

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2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity or

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"Sexual assault" as defined in 20 USC 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(8) or "stalking" as defined in 34 USC 12291(a)(30).

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When the harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex does not meet the definition of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator directs the individual to the applicable sex discrimination process for investigation.

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An individual is not required to submit a report of sexual harassment involving the Title IX coordinator. In the event the Title IX Coordinator is responsible for or a witness to the alleged harassment, the individual may report the allegations to the building principal or superintendent or other unbiased school official.

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### Retaliation Prohibited

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The District prohibits intimidation, threats, coercion or discrimination against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX or this policy, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation proceeding or hearing, if applicable. Intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination, including charges against an individual for code of conduct violations

47 48 that do not involve sex discrimination or sexual harassment, but arise out of the same facts or

circumstances as a report or complaint of sex discrimination, or a report or formal complaint of sexual 49 50

harassment, for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX or this part,

51 constitutes retaliation.

### Confidentiality

The District must keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a formal complaint of sexual harassment, any individual who has been alleged to be the victim or perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment, and any witness, except as may be permitted by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of the Title IX regulations, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing or judicial proceeding arising thereunder.

### Notice Requirements

 The District provides notice to applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students, employees and the union(s) with the name or title, office address, email address and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator and notice of the District grievance procedures and process, including how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to file a formal complaint of sexual harassment and how the District will respond. The District also posts the Title IX Coordinator's contact information and Title IX policies and procedures in a prominent location on the District website and in all handbooks made available by the District.

### **Training Requirements**

The District ensures that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process, receives training on the definition of sexual harassment, the scope of the District's education program or activity, how to conduct an investigation and grievance process including hearings, appeals and informal resolution processes, when applicable, and how to serve impartially including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest and bias. The District also ensures that decision-makers and investigators receive training on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant as set forth in the formal procedures that follow, and training on any technology to be used at a live hearing, if applicable. Investigators also receive training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence. All materials used to train individuals who receive training under this section must not rely on sex stereotypes and must promote impartial investigations and adjudications of formal complaints of sexual harassment and are made publicly available on the District's website.

### Conflict of Interest and Bias

The District ensures that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual complainant or respondent.

### **Determination of Responsibility**

The individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment is presumed not responsible for alleged conduct. A determination regarding responsibility will be made by the decision-maker at the conclusion of the investigation in accordance with the process

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18			Federal financial assistance	
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20		10.55.719, ARM	Student Protection Procedures	
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### Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure - Students

The Board requires the following grievance process to be followed for the prompt and equitable resolution of student complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited as sexual harassment by Title IX. The Board directs the process to be published in accordance with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply for Title IX policies and procedures:

"Actual knowledge:" notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the District's Title IX Coordinator or any official of the District who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the District, or to any employee of an elementary or secondary school.

"Education program or activity:" includes locations, events or circumstances over which the District exercised substantial control over both the individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment, and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs.

"Complainant:" an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

"Respondent:" an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

"Formal complaint:" a document filed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a Respondent and requesting that the District investigate the allegation of sexual harassment.

"Supportive measures:" non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available and without fee or charge to the Complainant or Respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed.

### **District Requirements**

When the District has actual knowledge of sexual harassment in an education program or activity of the District, the District will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent. When the harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex does not meet the definition of sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will direct the individual to the applicable sex discrimination process, bullying and harassment policy, or public complaint procedure for investigation.

The District treats individuals who are alleged to be the victim (Complainant) and perpetrator (Respondent) of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment equitably by offering supportive measures. Supportive measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the District's educational environment, or deter sexual

harassment. Supportive measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the District's property, campus escort services, changes in work locations and other similar measures.

 The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures. Upon the receipt of a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the Complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the Complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures, inform the Complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the Complainant the process for filing a formal complaint. If the District does not provide the Complainant with supportive measures, then the District must document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

### **Timelines**

 The District has established reasonably prompt time frames for the conclusion of the grievance process, including time frames for filing and resolving appeals and informal resolution processes. The grievance process may be temporarily delayed or extended for good cause. Good cause may include considerations such as the absence of a party, a party's advisor, or a witness; concurrent law enforcement activity; or the need for language assistance or accommodation of disabilities. In the event the grievance process is temporarily delayed for good cause, the District will provide written notice to the Complainant and the Respondent of the delay or extension and the reasons for the action.

### Response to a Formal Complaint

 At the time of filing a formal complaint, a Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the education program or activity of the District with which the formal complaint is filed. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by electronic mail, or other means designated by the District.

The District must follow the formal complaint process before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures. However, nothing in this policy precludes the District from removing a Respondent from the District's education program or activity on an emergency basis, provided that the District undertakes an individualized safety and risk analysis, determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of sexual harassment justifies removal, and provides the Respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. A period of removal may include the opportunity for the student to continue instruction in an offsite capacity. The District may also place a non-student employee Respondent on administrative leave during the pendency of the grievance process. This provision may not be construed to modify any rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Upon receipt of a formal complaint, the District must provide written notice to the known parties including:

1. Notice of the allegations of sexual harassment, including information about the identities of the parties involved in the incident, the conduct allegedly constituting sexual harassment, the date and location of the alleged incident, and any sufficient details known at the time. Such notice must be provided with sufficient time to prepare a response before any initial interview;

2. An explanation of the District's investigation procedures, including any informal resolution process;

3. A statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility will be made by the decision-maker at the conclusion of the investigation;

4. Notice to the parties that they may have an advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney, and may inspect and review any evidence; and

5. Notice to the parties of any provision in the District's code of conduct or policy that prohibits knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information.

If, in the course of an investigation, the District decides to investigate allegations about the Complainant or Respondent that are not included in the notice initially provided, notice of the additional allegations must be provided to known parties.

 The District may consolidate formal complaints as to allegations of sexual harassment against more than one Respondent, or by more than one Complainant against one or more Respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances.

### Investigation of a Formal Complaint

present relevant evidence;

When investigating a formal complaint and throughout the grievance process, the District must:

 I. Ensure that the burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rests on the District and not the parties';

2. Provide an equal opportunity for the parties to present witnesses and evidence;

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4. Allow the parties to be accompanied with an advisor of the party's choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney. The District may establish restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, as long as the restrictions apply equally to both parties;

Not restrict either party's ability to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and

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- Provide written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of any interview or meeting at which a party is expected to participate, with sufficient time for the party to prepare to participate;
- Provide the parties equal access to review all the evidence collected which is directly related to the allegations raised in a formal complaint and comply with the review periods outlined in this process;
- 7. Objectively evaluate all relevant evidence without relying on sex stereotypes;
- Ensure that Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers and individuals who facilitate an informal resolution process, do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent;
- Not make creditability determinations based on the individual's status as Complainant, Respondent or witness;
- 10. Not use questions or evidence that constitute or seek disclosure of privileged information unless waived.

### Dismissal of Formal Complaints

If the conduct alleged in the formal complaint would not constitute sexual harassment even if proved, did not occur in the District's education program or activity, or did not occur against a person in the United States, then the District must dismiss the formal complaint with regard to that conduct for purposes of sexual harassment under this policy.

The Title IX Coordinator also may dismiss the formal complaint or any allegations therein at any time during the investigation or hearing, if applicable, when any of the following apply:

- a Complainant provides written notification to the Title IX Coordinator that the Complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein;
- 2. the Respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the District or;
- specific circumstances prevent the District from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations therein.

Upon dismissal, the Title IX Coordinator promptly sends written notice of the dismissal and the reasons for dismissal simultaneously to both parties. The grievance process will close in the event a notice of dismissal is provided to the parties. Support measures may continue following dismissal.

The District provides both parties an equal opportunity to inspect and review any evidence obtained as part of the investigation so that each party can meaningfully respond to the evidence prior to the

conclusion of the investigation. The evidence provided by the District must include evidence that is

directly related to the allegations in the formal complaint, evidence upon which the District does not

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intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding responsibility, and any inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or other source. Prior to completion of the investigative the Title IX Coordinator must send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the evidence subject to inspection and review in an electronic format or a hard copy. The parties have 10 calendar days to submit a written response to the Title IX Coordinator, which the investigator will consider prior to completion of the investigative report.

### **Investigative Report**

The investigator must prepare an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence and send the report to the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator must send to each party and the party's advisor, if any, the investigative report in an electronic format or a hard copy, for their review and written response. The parties have 10 calendar days to submit a written response to the Title IX Coordinator. report,

### **Decision-Maker's Determination**

 The investigative report is submitted to the decision-maker. The decision-maker cannot be the same person(s) as the Title IX Coordinator or the investigator. The decision-maker cannot hold ahearing or make a determination regarding responsibility until 10 calendar days from the date the Complainant and Respondent receive the investigator's report.

 Prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the decision-maker must afford each party the opportunity to submit written, relevant questions that a party wants asked of any party or witness, provide each party with the answers, and allow for additional, limited follow-up questions from each party. Questions and evidence about the Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the Complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged by the Complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the Complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the Respondent and are offered to prove consent. Questions must be submitted to the Title IX Coordinator within three calendar days from the date the Complainant and Respondent receive the investigator's report.

The decision-maker must issue a written determination regarding responsibility based on a preponderance of the evidence standard. The decision-maker's written determination must:

1. Identify the allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment;

2. Describe the procedural steps taken, including any notifications to the parties, interviews with parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather evidence, and hearings held;

3. Include the findings of fact supporting the determination;

4. Draw conclusions regarding the application of any District policies and/or code of conduct rules to the facts;

5. Address each allegation and a resolution of the complaint including a determination regarding responsibility, the rationale therefor, any recommended disciplinary sanction(s) imposed on the

6. Respondent, and whether remedies designed to restore or preserve access to the educational program or activity will be provided by the District to the Complainant and;

7. The procedures and permissible bases for the Complainant and/or Respondent to appeal the determination.

A copy of the written determination must be provided to both parties simultaneously, and generally will be provided within 60 calendar days from the District's receipt of a formal complaint.

The determination regarding responsibility becomes final either on the date that the District provides the parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely.

Where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the Respondent, the District will provide remedies to the Complainant that are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity. Such remedies may include supportive measures; however, remedies need not be non-disciplinary or non-punitive and need not avoid burdening the Respondent. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any remedies. Following any determination of responsibility, the District may implement disciplinary sanctions in accordance with State or Federal law and or/the negotiated agreement. For students, the sanctions may include disciplinary action, up to and including permanent exclusion.

**Appeals** 

Either the Complainant or Respondent may appeal the decision-maker's determination regarding responsibility or a dismissal of a formal complaint, on the following bases:

1. Procedural irregularity that affected the outcome of the matter;

2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time that could affect the outcome and

3. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent that affected the outcome.

The District also may offer an appeal equally to both parties on additional bases.

 The request to appeal must be made in writing to the Title IX Coordinator within seven calendar days after the date of the written determination. The appeal decision-maker must not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent and cannot be the Title IX Coordinator, the investigator, or the decision-maker from the original determination.

The appeal decision-maker must notify the other party in writing when an appeal is filed and give both parties a reasonable equal opportunity to submit a written statement in support of, or challenging, the outcome. After reviewing the evidence, the appeal decision-maker must issue a written decision describing the result of the appeal and the rationale for the result. The decision must be provided to both

parties simultaneously, and generally will be provided within 10 calendar days from the date the appeal is filed.

### **Informal Resolution Process**

Except when concerning allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student, at any time during the formal complaint process and prior to reaching a determination regarding responsibility, the District may facilitate an informal resolution process, such as mediation, that does not involve a full investigation and determination of responsibility, provided that the District:

1. Provides to the parties a written notice disclosing:

A. The allegations;

B. The requirements of the informal resolution process including the circumstances under which it precludes the parties from resuming a formal complaint arising from the same allegations, provided, however, that at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and resume the Title IX formal complaint process with respect to the formal complaint; and

C. Any consequences resulting from participating in the informal resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.

2. Obtains the parties' voluntary, written consent to the informal resolution process.

The informal resolution process generally will be completed within 30 calendar days, unless the parties and the Title IX Coordinator mutually agree to temporarily delay or extend the process. The formal grievance process timelines are stayed during the parties' participation in the informal resolution process. If the parties do not reach resolution through the informal resolution process, the parties will resume the formal complaint grievance process, including timelines for resolution, at the point they left off.

### Recordkeeping

The District must maintain for a period of seven years records of:

  Each sexual harassment investigation, including any determination regarding responsibility, any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the Respondent, and any remedies provided to the Complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity;

2. Any appeal and the result therefrom;

3. Any informal resolution and the result therefrom; and

 4. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision-makers, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process. The District must make these training materials publicly available on its website.

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# Sexual Harassment Complaint Form

Please print:	
Name	Date
Address	
Telephone	Another phone where you can be reached
During the hours of	<del></del>
I wish to complain against:	
Name of person, school (depart	ment), program, or activity
Specify your complaint by stati	ng the problem as you see it. Describe the incident, the participants, the any attempts you have made to solve the problem. Be sure to note
Date of the action against which	h you are complaining

If there is anyone who could provide more information regarding this, please list name(s), address(es), and telephone number(s).		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	Telephone number
The projected :	solution:	
Indicate what y	ou think can and should be done	to solve the problem. Be as specific as possible.
		<del>-</del>
I certify that th	is information is correct to the be	et of my knowledge.
	Signature of Complainant	

The principal or designated administrator shall give one copy to the complainant and shall retain one copy for the file.

### DISTRICT CONTACT INDIVIDUALS

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Andrea Rossman

High School Principal - Title IX Investigations

High School Principal - Title IX Coordinator

Elementary School Principal - Title IX Coordinator

Middle School Counselor - Title IX Investigations

Elementary School Counselor - Title IX Investigations

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# Sexual Harassment Reporting/Intake Form for Students

This form is not required. Complaints may be submitted in any manner noted in Policy 3225.
The form may be used by the

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• Date(s)	, time(s), and place(s) the incident(s) occurred.
• Were o	ther individuals involved in the incident(s)?  yes no the individual(s) and explain their roles.
• Did and	yone witness the incident(s)?  yes  no the witnesses.
• Did any If so, name • Did you If yes, wha	yone witness the incident(s)?
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Did any If so, name Did you If yes, wha Were the	yone witness the incident(s)?

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### Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing

The Board will strive to provide a positive and productive learning and working environment. Bullying, harassment, intimidation, or hazing, by students, staff, or third parties, is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated.

### **Definitions**

- 1. "Third parties" include but are not limited to coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors or others engaged in District business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the District, and others not directly subject to District control at inter-district and intra-District athletic competitions or other school events.
- 2. "District" includes District facilities, District premises, and non-District property if the student or employee is at any District-sponsored, District-approved, or District-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events, where students are under the control of the District or where the employee is engaged in District business.
- 3. "Hazing" includes but is not limited to any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in or affiliation with any District-sponsored activity or grade-level attainment, including but not limited to forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug, or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation, or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student; requires, encourages, authorizes, or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any obscene or physically burdensome article, assignment of pranks to be performed, or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate.
  - 4. "Bullying" means any harassment, intimidation, hazing, or threatening, insulting, or demeaning gesture or physical contact, including any intentional written, verbal, or electronic communication ("cyberbullying") or threat directed against a student that is persistent, severe, or repeated, and that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, at any official school bus stop, or anywhere conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a student or staff member or an interference with school purposes or an educational function, and that has the effect of:
    - a. Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;
    - b. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property;
    - c. Creating a hostile educational environment, or;
    - d. Substantially and materially disrupts the orderly operation of a school.
- 45 5. "Electronic communication device" means any mode of electronic communication, including but not limited to computers, cell phones, PDAs, or the internet.

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### Reporting

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. Any student, employee, or third party who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels he/she has been a victim of hazing, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report his/her concerns to the building principal or the District Administrator, who have overall responsibility for such investigations. A student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor, who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate District official. Complaints against the building principal shall be filed with the Superintendent. Complaints against the Superintendent or District Administrator shall be filed with the Board.

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The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation and, as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken.

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### Exhaustion of administrative remedies

A person alleging violation of any form of harassment, intimidation, hazing, or threatening, insulting, or demeaning gesture or physical contact, including any intentional written, verbal, or electronic communication, as stated above, may seek redress under any available law, either civil or criminal, after exhausting all administrative remedies.

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### Responsibilities

The District Administrator shall be responsible for ensuring notice of this policy is provided to students, staff, and third parties and for the development of administrative regulations, including reporting and investigative procedures, as needed.

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When an employee has actual knowledge that behavior in violation of this policy is sexual harassment, the employee must contact the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX sexual harassment grievance process will be followed, if applicable, prior to imposing any discipline that cannot be imposed without resolution of the Title IX process.

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### Consequences

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. Staff whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the District Administrator or the Board. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

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### Retaliation and Reprisal

Retaliation is prohibited against any person who reports or is thought to have reported a violation, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy, whether or not a complaint is substantiated. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

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Cross Reference: 3225 Sexual Harassment

> 3225 Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

3225F Harassment Reporting/Intake Form for Students

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4	Legal Reference:	§ 20-5-207, MCA	"Bully-Free Montana Act"
5		§ 20-5-208, MCA	Definition
6		§ 20-50-209, MCA	Bullying of student prohibited
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8		§ 20-5-210, MCA	Enforcement – exhaustion of administrative remedies
9		10.55.701(2)(f), ARM	Board of Trustees
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11		10.55.801(1)(d), ARM	School Climate
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Suspension and Expulsion - Corrective Actions and Punishment

The Board recognizes that every student is entitled to due process rights that are provided by law.

### Suspension

"Suspension" means the exclusion of a student from attending individual classes or school and participating in school activities for an initial period not exceed ten (10) school days. An administrator may order suspension of a student.

The procedure set forth below will be followed when a proposed punishment of a student is to include denial of the right of school attendance from any single class or from a full schedule of classes for at least one (1) day.

Before any suspension is ordered, a building administrator will meet with a student to explain charges of misconduct, and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges.

When a student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or poses an ongoing threat of disruption to the educational process, a pre-suspension conference will not be required, and an administrator may suspend a student immediately. In such cases, a building administrator will provide notice of and schedule a conference as soon as practicable following the suspension.

A building administrator will report any suspension immediately to a student's parent or legal guardian. An administrator will provide a written report of suspension that states reasons for a suspension, including any school rule that was violated, and a notice to a parent or guardian of the right to a review of a suspension. An administrator will send a copy of the report and notice to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will conduct a review of any suspension on request of a parent or legal guardian. A student and parent or legal guardian may meet with the Superintendent to discuss suspension. After the meeting and after concluding a review, the Superintendent will take such final action as appropriate.

Upon a finding by a school administrator that the immediate return to school by a student would be detrimental to the health, welfare, or safety of others or would be disruptive of the educational process, a student may be suspended for one (1) additional period not to exceed ten (10) school days, if the student is granted an informal hearing with the school administrator prior to the additional suspension, and if the decision to impose the additional suspension does not violate the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Rehabilitation Act.

Students who are suspended from any class or from school entirely have the right to make up any work missed according to the student handbook.

### **Expulsion**

"Expulsion" is any removal of a student for more than twenty (20) school days without the provision of educational services. Expulsion is a disciplinary action available only to the Board.

The Board, and only the Board, may expel a student from school and may do so only after following due process procedures set forth below.

The Board will provide written notice to a student and parent or legal guardian of a hearing to consider a recommendation for expulsion, which will be sent by registered or certified mail at least five (5) school days before the date of the scheduled hearing. The notice will include time and place of hearing, information describing the process to be used to conduct the hearing, and notice that the Board intends to conduct the hearing in closed session unless a parent or legal guardian waives the student's right to privacy.

Within the limitation that a hearing must be conducted during a period of student suspension, a hearing to consider expulsion may be rescheduled when a parent or legal guardian submits a request showing good cause to the Superintendent at least two (2) school days before a hearing date as originally scheduled. The Superintendent will determine if a request shows good cause to reschedule a hearing.

The student has the right to be present for the duration of the hearing. At hearing the student may be represented by counsel and ask questions, present perspectives, and provide witnesses or documentation. The Board is not bound by formal rules of evidence in conducting the hearing.

Each school shall maintain a record of any disciplinary action that is educationally related, with explanation, taken against the student. When the Board of Trustees takes disciplinary action against a student, the Board must keep a written record of the action taken, with detailed explanation, even if the disciplinary action is decided during a closed session. A disciplinary action that is educationally related is an action that results in the expulsion or out-of-school suspension of the student. This record must be maintained/destroyed consistent with Montana Local Government Records Schedule 7, and is subject to transfer to a local educational agency, accredited school, or nonpublic school pursuant to 20-1-213, MCA.

### Possession, Use, and Being Under The Influence

### > First Offense

 • Suspension (OSS) from school for 90 consecutive school days. Suspension start and end dates determined by the Board of Trustees.

First Offense - Alternative Corrective Action (in lieu of 90-day Out of School Suspension)

Out of School (OSS) Suspension of 3 to 10 days
In School Suspension (ISS) of 2 to 20 days

• Twenty (20) hours of community service as approved by the Building Principal

  Chemical abuse evaluation and required participation in Student Assistance Program or completion of a drug and alcohol awareness class

  Participation or attendance at any school activity is prohibited during the period of the suspension

Presence of school campus is prohibited

  Loss of driving and parking privileges on school campus until all other stipulations are successfully met

Behavior and attendance contract for period of 90 school days

  Montana High School Association and school district policies apply to participation in extra-curricular activities

Should the student refuse to accept any of the conditions imposed in First Offense – Alternative Corrective Action in lieu of suspension, the Board shall suspend the student for a term of 90 consecutive school days. Should the student fail to abide by any of the conditions imposed in First Offense –Alternative Corrective Action in lieu of suspension, the student shall be suspended by the administration for the balance of the 90 school days from the original date of suspension unless the term of the suspension is modified by the Board upon a request from the student for a hearing.

### > Second Offense:

  Permanent expulsion with right to petition the Board for readmission during a subsequent school year as determined by the Board

 • The Board may establish criteria for readmission which may include, but not limited to, the following:

Successful completion of drug and alcohol class

❖ Proof of continued successful academic work

Proof of appropriate conduct

The Board is under no obligation to accept a petition for readmission or meet with the parties involved.

### **Criminal Distribution of Drugs**

### > First Offense:

period of expulsion.

 Permanent expulsion

Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students With Disabilities

# The District will comply with provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Rehabilitation Act when disciplining students. The Board will not expel any special education student when the student's particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of the student's disability. The Board may expel pursuant to its expulsion procedures any special education student whose gross disobedience or misconduct is not a manifestation of the student's disability. A disabled student will continue to receive education services as provided in the IDEA or Rehabilitation Act during a

 A building administrator may suspend a child with a disability from the child's current placement for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days for any violation of school rules, and additional removals of not more than ten (10) consecutive school days in that same school year for separate incidents of misconduct, as long as those removals do not constitute a change of placement under 34 CFR 300.519(b), whether or not a student's gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of a student's disabling condition. Any special education student who has exceeded or who will exceed ten (10) days of suspension may temporarily be excluded from school by court order or by order of a hearing officer, if the District demonstrates that maintaining the student in the student's current placement is substantially likely to result in injury to the student or to others. After a child with a disability has been removed from his or her placement for more than ten (10) school days in the same school year, during any subsequent days of

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

corporal punishment - penalty - defense

Attendance officer – powers and duties

Discipline and punishment of pupils -definition of

Duties of district superintendent or county high

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removal the public agency must provide services to the extent required under 34 CFR 300.121(d).

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An administrator may remove from current placement any special education student who has carried a weapon to school or to a school function or who knowingly possesses or uses illegal drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or a school function or inflicts serious bodily injury on another person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function under the jurisdiction. A serious bodily injury is one that involves a substantial risk of death; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or faculty. The District will place such student in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for no more than forty-five (45) school days in accordance with the IDEA or Rehabilitation Act.

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20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq. 34 CFR 300.519-521 § 20-1-213, MCA § 20-4-302, MCA

§ 20-4-402, MCA

§ 20-5-105, MCA § 20-5-106, MCA

§ 20-5-201, MCA § 20-5-202, MCA ARM 10.16.3346 ARM 10.55.910

Goss v. Lopez, 419 US 565 (1975) Section 504 IDEA

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### Student Discipline

The Board grants authority to a teacher or principal to hold a student to strict accountability for disorderly conduct in a school building, on property owned or leased by a school district, on a school bus, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess.

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

- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, and alternative nicotine and vapor products as defined in 16-11-302, MCA.
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages, including powdered alcohol. Students who may be under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
- Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs, marijuana, controlled substances, or any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their possession.
- Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a firearm or other weapon in violation of Policy 3311.
  - Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be considered or used as a weapon as referred to in Policy 3311.
- Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials or disobeying rules and regulations governing student conduct.
  - Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's property.
- Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function or any other disruptive activity.
- Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic and habitual truants.
- Intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing or bullying; or retaliation against any person who alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226 or participated in an investigation into alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226.
  - Defaces or damages any school building, school grounds, furniture, equipment, or book belonging to the district.

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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.

6 Engaging in academic misconduct which may include but is not limited to: cheating, 7 unauthorized sharing of exam responses or graded assignment work; plagiarism, 8 accessing websites or electronic resources without authorization to complete assigned coursework, and any other act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student. 9

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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:

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- 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.

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### **Disciplinary Measures**

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Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:

- 27 **Expulsion**
- Suspension 28
- Detention, including Saturday school 29
- Clean-up duty 30 •
- Loss of student privileges 31
- Loss of bus privileges 32
- Notification to juvenile authorities and/or police 33
  - Restitution for damages to school property

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37 38 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.

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### Non-Disciplinary Measures

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The Superintendent or designee is authorized to assign a student to non-disciplinary offsite 43 44 instruction pending the results of an investigation or for reasons related to the safety or wellbeing of students and staff. During the period of non-disciplinary offsite instruction, the student 45

will be permitted to complete all assigned schoolwork for full credit. The assignment of non-46

3310 1 page 3 of 3 2 3 disciplinary offsite instruction does not preclude the Superintendent or designee from 4 disciplining a student who has, after investigation, been found to have violated a School District 5 policy, rule, or handbook provision. 6 7 8 Delegation of Authority 9 The Board grants authority to any teacher and to any other school personnel to impose on 10 students under their charge any disciplinary measure, other than suspension or expulsion, 11 corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with policies 12 and rules on student discipline. The Board authorizes teachers to remove students from 13 classrooms for disruptive behavior. 14 15 Cross Reference: Suspension and Expulsion 16 3300 Sexual Harassment of Students 17 3225 3226 Bullying, Harassment 18 5015 Bullying, Harassment 19 20 **Definitions** Legal Reference: § 16-11-302(1)(7), MCA 21 § 20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils – 22 definition of corporal punishment – penalty 23 defense 24 Suspension and expulsion § 20-5-202, MCA 25 § 45-8-361, MCA Possession or allowing possession of 26 weapon in school building - exceptions -27 penalties – seizure and forfeiture or return 28 authorized – definitions 29 Possession or consumption of tobacco 30 § 45-5-637, MCA products, alternative nicotine products, or 31 vapor products by persons under 18 years of 32 age is prohibited – unlawful attempt to 33 purchase - penalties 34 29 U.S.C. § 701 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 35 Initiative 190 – "Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act." 36 January 1, 2021 37 38 39 40 Policy History: 41 42 First reading on: 11/10/21

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Cross Reference: 3415F Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement

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# Management of Sports Related Concussions

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A. Athletic Director or Administrator in Charge of Athletic Duties:

1. Updating: Each spring, the athletic director, or the administrator in charge of athletics if there is 8 no athletic director, shall review any changes that have been made in procedures required for 9 concussion and head injury management or other serious injury by consulting with the MHSA or 10 the MHSA Web site, U.S. DPHHS, and CDCP web site. If there are any updated procedures, they 11 will be adopted and used for the upcoming school year. 12

- 2. Identified Sports: Identified sports include all organized youth athletic activity sponsored by the school or school district.
- B. Training: All coaches, athletic trainers, and officials, including volunteers shall undergo training in head injury and concussion management at least once each school year by one of the following means: (1) through viewing the MHSA sport-specific rules clinic; (2) through viewing the MHSA concussion clinic found on the MHSA Sports Medicine page at www.mhsa.org; or by the district inviting the participation of appropriate advocacy groups and appropriate sports governing bodies to facilitate the training requirements.
- 21 C. Parent Information Sheet: On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be distributed to the student-athlete and the athlete's parent and/or guardian prior to the student-athlete's 22 23 initial practice or competition. This information sheet may be incorporated into the parent permission sheet which allows students to participate in extracurricular athletics and should include resources 24 found on the MHSA Sports Medicine page at www.mhsa.org. U.S. DPHHS, and CDCP websites. 25
- D. Responsibility: An athletic trainer, coach, or official shall immediately remove from play, practice, 26 tryouts, training exercises, preparation for an athletic game, or sport camp a student-athlete who is 27 suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury or other serious injury. 28
  - E. Return to Play After Concussion or Head Injury: In accordance with MHSA Return to Play Rules and Regulations and The Dylan Steigers Protection of Youth Athletes Act a student athlete who has been removed from play, practice, tryouts, training exercises, preparation for an athletic game, or sport camp may not return until the athlete is cleared by a licensed health care professional (registered, licensed, certified, or otherwise statutorily recorgnized health care professional). The health care provider may be a volunteer.

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### Student Fees and Fines

Within the concept of free public education, the District will provide an educational program for students as free of costs as possible.

### Fees

The Board may require fees for actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses. The Board may also charge a student a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a recognized academic and educational goal of the District or for any course or activity taking place outside normal school functions. The Board may waive fees in cases of financial hardship.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to establish appropriate fees and procedures governing collection of fees and asks the Superintendent to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. The Board also may require fees for actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic science, science, or agriculture courses.

### **Fines**

The District holds a student responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property that are lost or damaged because of negligence. A building administrator will notify a student and parent regarding the nature of violation or damage, how restitution may be made, and how an appeal may be instituted.

### Withholding and Transferring Records for Unpaid Fines or Fees

The District may not refuse to transfer files to another district because a student owes fines or fees. The District may not withhold the school schedule of a student because the student owes fines or fees. The district may withhold the grades, diploma, or transcripts of a current or former student who is responsible for the cost of school materials or the loss or damage of school property until the student or the student's parent or guardian pays the owed fines or fees.

In the event a student who owes fines or fees transfers to another school district in the state and the District has decided to withhold the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts from the student and the student's parent or guardian, the District shall:

1. upon receiving notice that the student has transferred to another school district in the state, notify the 's student's parent or guardian in writing that the school district to which the has transferred will be requested to withhold the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligation has been satisfied;

2. forward appropriate grades or transcripts to the school district to which the student has transferred;

3. at the same time, notify the school district to which the student has transferred of any financial obligation of the student and request the withholding of the student's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligations are met;

4. when the student or the-student's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation, inform the school district to which the student has transferred.

A student or parent may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent and to the Board.

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4	Legal reference:	§ 20-1-213 (3), MCA	Transfer of school records	
5	•	§ 20-5-201(4), MCA	Duties and sanctions	
6		§ 20-7-601, MCA	Free textbook provisions	
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**Bigfork School District #38** 1 2 3 3600F1 **STUDENTS** page 1 of 4 4 5 Student Records 6 7 Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records 8 This notification may be distributed by any means likely to reach the parent(s)/guardian(s). 9 10 The District will maintain two (2) sets of school records for each student: a permanent record and a 11 cumulative record. The permanent record will include: 12 13 Basic identifying information 14 Academic work completed (transcripts) 15 Level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement tests) 16 17 Immunization records (per § 20-5-506, MCA) Attendance record 18 Statewide student identifier assigned by the Office of Public Instruction 19 Record of any disciplinary action taken against the student, which is educationally related 20 21 The cumulative record may include: 22 23 24 Intelligence and aptitude scores Psychological reports 25 Participation in extracurricular activities 26 Honors and awards 27 28 Teacher anecdotal records Verified reports or information from non-educational persons 29 Verified information of clear relevance to the student's education 30 Information pertaining to release of this record 31 Disciplinary information 32 33 The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents/guardians and students over 34 eighteen (18) years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education 35 records. They are: 36 37 The right to inspect and copy the student's education records, within a reasonable time 38 1. 39 from the day the District receives a request for access. 40 "Eligible" students, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, have the right to inspect and 41 42 43

copy their permanent record. Parents/guardians or "eligible" students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request identifying the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make, within forty-five (45) days, arrangements for access and notify the parent(s)/ guardian(s) or eligible student of the time and place the records may be inspected. The District charges a nominal fee for copying, but no one will be denied their right to copies of their records for inability to pay this cost.

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The rights contained in this section are denied to any person against whom an order of protection has been entered concerning a student.

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2. The right to request amendment of the student's education records which the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, irrelevant, or improper.

Parents/guardians or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record they believe is inaccurate, misleading, irrelevant, or improper. They should write the school principal or records custodian, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify the reason.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student, the District will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student of the decision and advise him or her of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to permit disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA or state law authorizes disclosure without consent.

Disclosure is permitted without consent to school officials with legitimate educational or administrative interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as contractors, attorneys, auditors, consultants, or therapists); volunteers; other outside parties to whom an educational agency or institution has outsourced institutional services or functions that it would otherwise use employees to perform; or a parent(s)/guardian(s) or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest, if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses education records, without consent, to officials of another school district in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any person as specifically required by state or federal law. Before information is released to individuals described in this paragraph, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive written notice of the nature and substance of the information and an opportunity to inspect, copy, and challenge such records. The right to challenge school student records does not apply to: (1) academic grades of their child, and (2) references to expulsions or out-of-school suspensions, if the challenge is made at the time the student's school student records are forwarded to another school to which the student is transferring.

Disclosure is also permitted without consent to: any person for research, statistical reporting, or planning, provided that no student or parent(s)/guardian(s) can be identified; any person named in a court order; and appropriate persons if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

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The right to a copy of any school student record proposed to be destroyed or deleted. 4.

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The right to prohibit the release of directory information concerning the parent's/ 5. guardian's child.

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Throughout the school year, the District may release directory information regarding students, limited to:

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Student's name

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Telephone listing 14

Electronic mail address

Photograph (including electronic version)

Date and place of birth Major field of study

Dates of attendance

Grade level

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Enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate; full-time or part-time)

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports

Weight and height of members of athletic teams

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Honors and awards received

Most recent educational agency or institution attended

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Any parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student may prohibit the release of all of the above information by delivering written objection to the building principal within ten (10) days of the date of this notice. No directory information will be released within this time period, unless the parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible student are specifically informed otherwise. When a student transfers, leaves the District, or graduates, the school must continue to honor a decision to optout, unless the parent or student rescinds the decision.

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37 38 A parent or student 18 years of age or an emancipated student, may not opt out of directory information to prevent the district from disclosing or requiring a student to disclose their name [identifier, institutional email address in a class in which the student is enrolled] or from requiring a student to disclose a student ID card or badge that exhibits information that has been properly designated directory information by the district in this policy.

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The right to request that information not be released to military recruiters and/or 6. institutions of higher education.

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Pursuant to federal law, the District is required to release the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all high school students to military recruiters and institutions of higher education upon request.

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Parent(s)/guardian(s) or eligible students may request that the District not release this information, and the District will comply with the request.

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4	7.	The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, concerning alleged
5		failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.
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7		The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:
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9		Family Policy Compliance Office
0		U.S. Department of Education
1		400 Maryland Avenue, SW
2		Washington, DC 20202-4605

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### 3 STUDENTS

### Transfer of Student Records

The District will forward by mail or by electronic means a certified copy of a permanent or cumulative file of any student and a file of special education records of any student to a local educational agency or accredited school in which a student seeks to or intends to enroll within five (5) working days after receipt of a written or electronic request. The files to be forwarded must include education records in a permanent file – that is, name and address of a student, name of parent or legal guardian, date of birth, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized tests), immunization records, special education records, and any disciplinary actions taken against a student that are educationally related.

When the District cannot transfer records within five (5) days, the District will notify a requestor, in writing or electronically, and will provide reasons why the District is unable to comply with a five-(5)-day time period. The District also will include in that notice the date by which requested records will be transferred. The District will not refuse to transfer records because a student owes fines or fees.

Cross Reference: 3413 Student Immunization

3600 - 3600P Student Records
3606F Records Certification

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Legal Reference: § 20-1-213, MCA Transfer of school records

29 Policy History:

30 First reading on: 11/10/21

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5	Receipt of Confidentia	al Records		
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7	Pursuant to Montana law, the District may receive case records of the Department of Public			
8	Health and Human Services and its local affiliate, the county welfare department, the county			
9	attorney, and the court concerning actions taken and all records concerning reports of child abuse			
10	and neglect. The District will keep these records confidential as required by law and will not			
11	include them in a stu	ident's permanent file.		
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13	The Board authorizes the Administration team to receive information with respect to a District			
14	student who is a clie	nt of the Department o	of Public Health and Human Services.	
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16	When the District receives information pursuant to law, the Superintendent will prevent			
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22	Local Deference	§ 41-3-205, MCA	Confidentiality – disclosure exceptions	
23	Legal Reference:	§ 41-3-203, MCA	Confidentiality – disclosure exceptions	
24 25	Policy History:			
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### District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks

The District may provide electronic information services (EIS) to qualified students, teachers, and other personnel who attend or who are employed by the District. Electronic information services include, but are not limited to, network services (Internet), databases, and any computer-accessible source of information, whether from hard drives, tapes, compact discs (CDs), floppy disks, or other electronic sources. The use of the services shall be in support of education, research, and the educational goals of the District. To assure that the EIS is used in an appropriate manner and for the educational purposes intended, the District will require anyone who uses the EIS to follow its guidelines and procedures for appropriate use. Anyone who misuses, abuses, or chooses not to follow the EIS guidelines and procedures will be denied access to the District's EIS and may be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with governing board policy.

EIS provided by the District are the property of the district. The District may review files and communications and monitor system utilization at any time without notice or permission including the maintenance of a usage record log. Users should not expect that EIS utilization, communications, or information sent, retrieved, or stored, via EIS, including electronic mails and files stored on District servers, will be private. The District may, in its sole discretion, close accounts and review or delete files at any time.

The Board expects that District staff, who are responsible for supervising student EIS use, will provide reasonable guidance and instruction to students on such use. In addition, such staff will consult and observe relevant Board policies on curriculum and instructional materials. The District will make a reasonable effort to create filters or firewalls to prevent student access to inappropriate information. Ultimately, individual EIS users are responsible for their communications and use of EIS. Each user will be required to sign an EIS user's agreement that will be kept on file at each access site. Supervisors of each EIS access site will maintain the user's agreement file, establish access site procedures, and determine a fixed period of limited time for individual user access. The Superintendent or his designee will ensure that EIS access site supervisors receive appropriate training, provide EIS usage information to parents, maintain an access site record, and ensure that EIS access site supervisors and users adhere to the directives of this policy and accompanying regulations.

The District does not assume liability for an EIS user's inappropriate use of EIS, nor for information retrieved via EIS. The District is not responsible for any service interruptions or changes, or any consequences of service interruptions or changes.

 The District does not assume liability for any information that is lost, damaged or unavailable. The District reserves the right to establish rules and regulations as necessary for the efficient operation of the electronic information services. The Superintendent will be responsible for establishing and enforcing the District's electronic information services guidelines and procedures for appropriate use. Acceptable use of Electronic Information Services (EIS) requires that the use of EIS resources be in support of education, educational research, and the educational goals of the District. Individual EIS users are responsible for their EIS behavior and communications, including their access to EIS.

 All EIS users shall strictly adhere to the following requirements:

- User shall use EIS for educational purposes only and shall not access any materials that are inappropriate to the educational environment.
- User shall not use EIS to submit, publish, display, retrieve or transmit any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, disruptive, discriminatory, or illegal material.
- User shall not use EIS to harass, insult or attack others.
- User shall follow the District's code of conduct while using EIS.
- User shall use appropriate language while using EIS. Vulgarities are not permitted.
- User shall use only EIS account and password assigned to user. User shall use EIS only for purposes authorized for user's account. User shall not attempt to access information that is not authorized for user's access or account.
- User shall not use EIS to invade the privacy of others and shall not trespass into another users folders, work or files without proper authorization.
- User shall not reveal any home addresses or personal telephone numbers.
- User shall abide by all copyright laws and regulations.
- User shall not use EIS for commercial purposes, product advertising or political lobbying.
- User shall not attempt to harm, modify or destroy software or interfere with system security.
- User shall not introduce unauthorized software into the system.
- User shall not use EIS in any way that would disrupt the use of EIS by others.
- User shall not allow anyone else to access the system using user's account or password, unless
  user has authorization to allow such use by others. Users are ultimately responsible for all
  activity under their accounts.
- User understands that many services and products are available for a fee and acknowledges the responsibility for any expense incurred.

In addition to the above requirements, acceptable use for District employees is extended to include requirements to:

- Take reasonable precautions, including password maintenance and file and directory protection measures, to prevent the use of personal accounts by unauthorized persons.
- Consult board policies on curriculum and instructional materials and promote and honor District goals contained in such policies.

District employees who allow students to use EIS in a classroom or school setting shall:

- Maintain adequate supervision of such students using EIS in a classroom or school setting.
- Ensure that all students allowed to use EIS have an authorized users agreement on file.
- Maintain a users agreement file at each access site.

Each student EIS user shall be required to sign an EIS Student User Agreement. A signature is required on the EIS Student User Agreement before a user account will be issued. Details of the EIS Student User Agreement and user requirements shall be discussed with each potential student user of EIS.

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4	A user who violates the provisions of the EIS Student User Agreement, the EIS policy, or this regulation		
5	may be subject to disciplinary action. Denial of access may result in removal of a student from a class		
6	where use of EIS is necessary. When applicable, law enforcement authorities may be notified.		
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8	The District reserves the right to establish additional rules and regulations as necessary for the efficient		
9	operation of EIS.		
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