

Gangs and Gang Activity

The Board of Directors is aware of the public existence of gangs which are involved in illegal, intimidating, and harassing conduct, and the Board hereby determines that such gangs and the expression of such gang membership cause or are likely to cause disruption in the school environment and present a threat to the health and safety of students and school personnel. Any such activity or expression by students is prohibited while they are subject to the disciplinary control of the school district. Further, no student on or about school property or any place involving a school-related activity:

1. Shall wear, possess, distribute or display any clothing, jewelry, sign or any other thing which by virtue of its color, arrangement, symbol, established pattern or any other attribute is evidence of membership or affiliation in any such gang;
2. Shall commit any act or omission, or use any speech, gesture, any personal "grooming" style, or conduct evidencing membership or affiliation in such a gang;
3. Shall use any speech, gesture, or conduct, or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any such gang or such gang activity, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Soliciting others for membership in any such gang;
 - b. Pressuring, intimidating, threatening, or harassing any person, individually, or creating an atmosphere or environment of undue pressure which can reasonably be expected to interfere with the physical or mental well being of others;
 - c. committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies;
 - d. inciting, provoking, or actively recruiting other students to act with physical force or violence or to mentally harass others;
4. Shall knowingly engage in gang activity on school grounds. A gang is a group of three or more persons with identifiable leadership that, on an ongoing basis, regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal, intimidation, or harassment purposes.

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