

GANGS

Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons, or which are disruptive to the school environment, will not be tolerated by the District. The Board believes gangs and/or gang activity create an atmosphere where violations of district policies and regulations, as well as State laws, may occur.

Incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

Any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be subject to disciplinary action.

Training to provide increased awareness of the threat to the safety of students, staff, and school property which gang-related activity poses will be provided by security on an as-needed basis. Presentations will provide training in current identification symbols used by those involved in gang-related activity and will include things such as the identification of hand signals, apparel, jewelry, and/or any other pertinent gang-related information.

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LEGAL REFS: ORC 3313.20; 3313.66; 3313.661

CROSS REFS: JFC, Student Conduct
 JFCA, Student Dress Code
 JGD, Student Suspension
 JGE, Student Expulsion
 JHCF, Hazing