

Secret Societies – Gangs

The Board has determined that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities. A “gang” is defined as a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance or language including hand signs, claiming of geographical territory or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity. Secret societies of every kind and character are unlawful in Oregon.

By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of gangs, and gang activities as follows:

No Student on or about school property or at any school activity shall:

1. Wear, possess, use, distribute or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang;
2. Commit any act or omission, or use any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (e.g., gestures, handshakes, etc.) showing membership or affiliation in a gang;
3. Use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.109](#)
[ORS 339.240 to -339.280](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)
[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

Olesen v. Board of Educ. of Sch. Dist., 676 F. Supp. 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987).
Neuhaus v. Federico, 12 Or. App. 314 (1973).
Burkitt v. Sch. Dist. No. 1, 195 Or. 471 (1952).
Tinker v. Des Moines Community Sch. District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

Cross Reference(s):

KGB - Public Conduct on District Property