

## **Secret Societies – Gangs Dress, Attire and/or Property**

The presence of gangs and gang activities delivers a message of fear and intimidation in schools and school-sponsored events. Gang dress, attire and/or behavior plays a significant role in disrupting the school environment. It is for this reason gang-related dress, attire and/or behavior is not permitted on school campuses or at school events.

Gang behavior is not specific to any ethnic or socio-economic group. Gang behavior is not a fad or trend related to adolescence or being a young adult. Gang behavior is a direct challenge to the school's authority which, if left unchecked, will intimidate students and influence a student's ability to complete their education. Examples of gang behavior include but are not limited to:

1. Use of gang associated signs;
2. Gang associated graffiti; and
3. Intimidating, threatening or violent behavior.

Certain clothing, personal property and other adornments worn or exhibited for the purpose of identifying youth gang membership or youth gang support, clearly interfere with the learning process and school climate. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Clothing with gang identified writing;
2. Dressing in a single solid color;
3. Clothing displaying drug symbols or paraphernalia;
4. Accessories such as jewelry, buttons, belt buckles or hanging belts that are drug or gang related;
5. Sunglasses worn indoors;
6. Gloves worn indoors;
7. Clothing decorated with gang-associated numbers 12, 13, 14, 18 or the same numbers in reverse order;
8. Head gear, i.e., hairnets, wraps or bandanas;
9. Gang associated tattoos;

10. Display of Confederate Flag, Nazi, racist or White supremacy symbols; and
11. Extra large or over sized clothing that could conceal a dangerous weapon.

Such clothing, personal property, accessories and behavior will be prohibited on district property and at school-sponsored events if worn or exhibited for the purpose of identifying youth gang membership or youth gang support.

Students are to be informed this type of dress or attire is not acceptable in school or at school events and failure to comply could result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Standards of Student Conduct.

Personal property: Students will refrain from using stylized script/numbers, monikers, emblems, badges, symbols or signs if it is espousing hate, racist views or gang membership on all personal property (including vehicles) brought to school or school events.