

Grants Pass School District 7

Code: **JFCEA**
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Orig. Code(s): JFCE

Secret Societies - Gangs

The Board feels that the presence of secret societies and their activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities. A secret society as defined in this policy is any group of two or more persons whose purposes include the commission of illegal acts and/or violation of the school code of conduct. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of secret societies as follows:

No student on or about school property or at any school activity:

1. Shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any secret society;
2. Shall commit any act or omission, or use any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.) showing membership or affiliation in a secret society;
3. Shall use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any secret society, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Soliciting others for membership in any secret society;
 - b. Requesting any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person;
 - c. Committing any other illegal act of other violation of school district policies;
 - d. Inciting other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

The Board may order the suspension of any student who belongs to a secret society.

After consulting with parents, teachers, students, local community and state agencies, the district will develop a comprehensive program that addresses gang involvement and related violent activities. The comprehensive program will be coordinated with the district's drug and alcohol health education plan.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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

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

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

[Olesen v. Board of Education of School District No. 228](#), 676 F. Supp. 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987).
[Neuhaus v. Federico](#), 12 Or App 314, 319, 505 P.2d 939 (1973).
[Burkitt, et al v. School District No. 1](#), 195 Or. 471, 246 P.2d 566 (1952).
[Tinker v. Des Moines Community School District](#), 393 U.S. 503 (1969).