

Jackson County School District 9

Code: **JFCEA**
Adopted: 12/16/93
Revised/Readopted: 11/14/01
Orig. Code(s): 5215, AP 5215

Gangs

Gangs and gang membership will not be permitted. A “gang,” as defined in this policy is a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance or language, including hand signs, the claiming of geographical territory or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity. The district will establish procedures regarding gang activities.

Gangs and gang activities are prohibited. It is prohibited to:

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.109](#)

[ORS 339.240 - 339.270](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[ORS 659.150](#)

[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).