

Lane Education Service District Policy

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Secret Societies/Gang Activity

It is the policy of Lane ESD that membership in secret fraternities or sororities, or in other clubs or gangs not sponsored by established agencies or organizations, is prohibited.

Gangs which initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well being of persons or property on ESD grounds or which disrupt the school or ESD program environment are harmful to the educational process. The use of hand signals, graffiti or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger to the ESD environment and educational objectives of the ESD and are forbidden.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, harassment, menacing, intimidation 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 including suspension and expulsion.

The superintendent may provide in-service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff identification of students at-risk and promote membership in authorized district activities as an alternative.

Lane ESD staff working in component school districts, their students, parents, guardians or persons in a parental relationship shall comply with component district policies and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 334.125 \(7\)](#)

[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).