

**Lake Oswego
School District 7J**

Code: **JFCE/JFCEA**
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Orig. Code(s): 5136

Secret Societies/Gang Activity

Oregon law does not permit any secret societies in public schools. A secret society is an organization composed of students which has an element, purpose or practice which is concealed from the public and shared only confidentially among members of the organization. The district considers “street gangs” and similar groups to be secret societies. The district also considers street gangs and similar groups to be disruptive of educational and legitimate school activities.

Students shall not participate in gang-related activities while in school, on district property, or at school events, possess or display gang-related clothing, symbols or paraphernalia, distribute gang literature or materials, display or post gang-related posters or graffiti, harass others or recruit for gang membership while subject to the jurisdiction of the school. Violators will be subject to disciplinary measures including expulsion. Off-campus gang-related activities that impact the operation of the school may also be the basis for disciplinary action.

Nonstudents shall not be permitted to organize, aid, or equip students, or, without prior authorization, to enter district premises for the purpose of communicating in any way with students relating to any aspect of gang activities.

The superintendent or designee shall maintain communication with the police and other local and state organizations, including the State Department of Education, and may, if deemed necessary, develop a comprehensive policy to reduce gang involvement, violent activities, and drug abuse by students.

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 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).