

# Medford School District 549C

Code: **JFCEA**  
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## Secret Societies – Gangs

The Board has determined that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities. “Gang” means 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. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of gangs and gang activities as follows:

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 of 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;
4. 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 school district policies.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.109](#)  
[ORS 339.240 to -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).

### Cross Reference(s):

JFCE - Secret Societies  
KGB - Public Conduct on School Property