

Secret Societies/Gang Activity

The type of dress, apparel, activities, acts, behavior or manner of grooming displayed, reflected or participated in by the student will not:

1. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or education objectives;
2. Present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff and other employees;
3. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence;
4. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school, personal property or on one's person.

If the student's behavior or other attribute is in violation of these provisions, the principal or designee will request the student to make the appropriate correction. If the student refuses, the parent/guardian will be notified and asked to make the necessary correction. The principal will take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action.

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated will be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

Training to provide increased awareness of the threat to the safety of students, staff and school property which gang-related activity poses, will be provided on an as-needed basis. Additional presentations will be made available to individual schools, staff or students at the request of the principal. Presentations will provide training in current identification symbols used by those involved in gang-related activity and will include things such as the identification of hand signals, apparel, jewelry and/or other pertinent gang-related information.