

**North Wasco County  
School District 21**

Code: **JFCEA**  
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Orig. Code(s): JFCEA

## **Gang Activity**

Membership in secret societies, fraternities or sororities, or in other clubs or gangs not sponsored by established agencies or organizations, is prohibited. "Gang" refers to a group or individual that identifies itself through use of a name, unique appearance or language, including hand signs, the claiming of geographic territory or espousing of a distinct belief system that results in disruptive behavior or criminal activity.

Gangs, societies, or individual members of gangs or societies, that initiate, advocate, or promote activities that threaten the safety or well being of any person(s) or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school learning and working 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 that indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group or society, presents a clear and present danger to the school environment and district's mission and are forbidden.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, bullying, intimidation and/or related activities of such group affiliations, or inciting others to act in like fashion or actions that are likely to cause bodily harm or danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace, or that may result in either physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

Any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang or secret society paraphernalia or exhibiting behavior or gestures that symbolize gang or secret society membership, or causing or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student or staff member will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion.

Students have a responsibility to concentrate on an educational program and academic achievement while avoiding secret societies, gangs and their related activity(ies).

The district shall, after consulting with appropriate agencies and officials, develop a comprehensive gang prevention and intervention program.

The program shall include an assessment and the impact of gang-related activities in the district, strategies, methods and training for the reduction of gang involvement.

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):**

KGB - Public Conduct on District Property