

## 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.

After consulting with parents, teachers, students, local community and state agencies, the district will develop a comprehensive program that addresses gang involvement and related violent activities. The comprehensive program will be coordinated with the district’s drug and alcohol health education plan.

### Gang Prevention and Intervention Program

The district will develop a plan to include:

1. An assessment of the nature and extent of gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse by students in the district;
2. An assessment of the impact of the gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse on attendance and educational achievement by students of the district;
3. A summary of the extent and type of needs to reduce gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse by the students which shall minimally include:
  - a. Strategies to reduce gang activities, violent activities and drug abuse;
  - b. Methods to communicate conflict resolution skills for staff and students;
  - c. Strategies to keep staff, students, parents and the public informed about the district’s comprehensive gang prevention and intervention policy and related activities.

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