

Secret Societies and Gangs

Gangs and gang membership will not be permitted. A "gang" as defined in this policy, is any group of two or more persons whose purpose includes the commission of illegal acts or whose appearance and activities may cause a disruption of or material interference with school and school activities. The existence of gangs and gang activities are prohibited 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 in 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 in furtherance of the interest of any 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.

Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school. Students will also be referred to available counseling services to assist in their successful return to school.

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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.109](#)

[ORS 339.240 - 339.270](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[ORS 659.150](#)

[OAR 581-21-050 to -075](#)

Olesen v. Board of Education of School District No. 228, 676 F. Supp. 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987)

Neuhaus v. Federico, 12 Or. App. 314, 319, 505 P. 2d 939 (1973).

Burkitt, et al v. School District No. 1, 195 Or. 471, 246 P.2d 566 (1952)

Tinker v. Des Moines Community School District, 393 U.S. 503, 507, 21 L. Ed. 2d 731, 89 S. Ct.