

**South Umpqua
School District 19**

Code: **JFCEA**
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Orig. Code(s): 8024

Secret Societies/Gangs

The district believes that the presence of secret societies/gangs and activities related to secret societies/gangs can cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school or school activities.

A “gang” as defined by this policy is any 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.

With this policy, the Board acts to prohibit the existence and activities of secret societies/gangs as follows: No person on or about district property, or at any district-sponsored activity on or off district property shall:

1. Wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell clothing, hats, jewelry, emblem badge, symbol, sign or other items which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any secret society or gang;
2. Use any form of communication or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any secret society/gangs including but not limited to:
 - a. Soliciting others for membership in any secret society or gang;
 - b. Requesting any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person;
 - c. Committing any other illegal act or other violations of school district policies;
 - d. Inciting others to act with physical violence upon any other person.
3. Wear or display materials or devices, identifying markings or paraphernalia which are patently racially, religiously or sexually offensive, including those associated with clubs, sects or groups avowing or practicing discrimination against persons on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or sex.

END OF POLICY

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