

GANGS

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The principal or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. The principal and/or designee shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide inservice training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the principal or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct are enforced consistently and that all students have access to counselors as needed. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent /guardian.

The Governing Board believes that gang-related apparel is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment. When there is evidence of a gang presence in district schools that disrupts or threatens to disrupt school activities, the Superintendent or designee may establish reasonable dress code regulations prohibiting students from wearing or carrying any clothing or symbol that denotes gang activity on school grounds and at school activities, both on and off campus. Prohibited items off clothing or symbols include, but are not limited to, any items of clothing, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or symbol which, by the nature of its color, design, arrangement, representation, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang or .any other group which advocates drug use or disruptive behavior. In addition, individual schools may, in their school safety plans, prohibit gang related apparel.

(cf. 3515.1 - Crime Data Reporting)
(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance Services)
(cf. 3515 - School Safety and Security)
(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35183 Gang related apparel
35294.1 School safety plans

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EDUCATION CODE (Continued)

48900 Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion

48907 Student exercise of free expression

51264 Educational inservice training: CDE guidelines

51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training

51266-51266.5 Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum

58700-56707 Gang risk intervention programs

PENAL CODE

186.22 Participation in criminal street gang

13826-13826.7 Gang violence suppression