

Students

Gangs

The Board of Trustees seeks to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs that advocate the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs, violence, disruptive behavior, or any other socially or legally unacceptable actions or behaviors. The principal or designee and the staff shall maintain continual, visible supervision of school premises so as to deter gang activity, intimidation of students and confrontations between other gang members and noninvolved students.

The superintendent and principal or designee shall maintain open lines of communication with law enforcement agencies to report suspected gang activity and seek mutual support for gang prevention and suppression. Every effort should be made by the staff to maintain current knowledge of the symbols, articles of clothing and other manifestations of gang-related activities. If possible, in-service of staff should be provided to enhance the current knowledge.

The Board of Trustees will not allow any gang-related activity, gang communication, or gang attire on any of its school campuses or at any school activity. The following standards will be enforced:

1. Gang related activities (initiations, verbal and physical intimidation) will not be tolerated on school campuses.
2. No clothing or articles of clothing (including, but not limited to gloves, bandannas, shoestrings, belt buckles and jewelry) related to a group or gang, which may provoke others to acts of violence or to be intimidated by fear of violence, shall be worn on campus or at any school activity.
3. No clothing, jewelry or accessories (including, but not limited to, spiked accessories, double rings and chains) which pose a threat to the physical well-being and safety of the student or others shall be worn on campus or at any school activity.
2. Gang names and logos are not permitted on school property or on students' materials used at school (notebooks, folders, book covers, assignments, etc.).

Students violating this policy will be subject to school and district disciplinary procedures including suspension and expulsion.

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32230-32239 School Violence Reduction Program

35183 Gang-related apparel

35294.1 School safety plans

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

58730-58736 Gang Intervention Programs

PENAL CODE

186.22 Participation in criminal street gang

13826-13826.7 Gang violence suppression

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

4001-4304 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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