

No student shall commit any act that furthers gangs or gang-related activities. A gang is any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts and having a common name or common identifying sign, colors, or symbols. Conduct prohibited by this policy includes:

1. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang, according to the Superintendent's or his/her designee's updated list of gang-related items, symbols, and behaviors;
2. Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.), to convey membership or affiliation in a gang;
3. Tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with gang or gang-related symbols or slogans;
4. Requiring payment of protection, insurance, or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity;
5. Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity;
6. Soliciting others for gang membership;
7. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies that relates to gang activity.

Building administrators shall regularly consult with law enforcement officials regarding gang trends, gang-related items, symbols and behaviors.

Before being suspended for a first offense of wearing gang-related attire (when not involved in any kind of altercation), a student will receive a warning and will be allowed to immediately change or remove the attire that is in violation of this policy. Unless the student has been specifically notified of a prohibited item of attire, a student will receive this warning the first time he or she is observed wearing a particular item in violation of this policy.

In the case a student has violated this policy or is otherwise suspected of gang affiliation through other circumstantial evidence, the building administrator is encouraged to conduct an intervention involving the principal/assistant principal, the student and the student's parent or legal guardian. Such intervention may also include the school resource officer and others as appropriate. The purpose of such intervention is to discuss the school's observations and concerns and to offer the student and the parents information and an opportunity to ask questions or provide other information.