



Student Gangs

Individuals or groups who engage in, advocate or promote activities which intimidate or otherwise threaten the safety or well-being of persons on school premises or in reasonable proximity thereof or any school-sponsored activity are harmful to the educational process. Incidents involving intimidation or related behavior of such individuals or groups are prohibited where such behavior:

- Disrupts and/or interferes with the school environment/activity and/or educational process.
- Presents a physical safety hazard to students or staff members; or,
- Creates an atmosphere in which a student(s), employee(s) or other person's well-being is affected by undue pressure, intimidation or threats of violence.

Any activity that could be associated with gang association/involvement shall not be allowed on school premises. Activity that is considered to be involved with gang association/involvement can be, but is not limited to:

- Graffiti on the school or school property, personal possessions, or elsewhere that disrupts the learning environment of the school.
- Intimidation or threats of violence by any individual or group that may affect the school attendance of another student.
- Clothing, grooming, and/or accessories that can be associated with gang involvement or interest in gang activities.
- Language that includes, but is not limited to, hand and/or body gestures that can be considered to be gang-related. It also includes verbal words/phrases that can be considered to be gang-related.
- Fights related to gang involvement (affiliation, disrespecting, initiations, etc.).
- Hazing, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm.

Violations may result in school suspension, expulsion and or legal action.