

## GANGS

Gangs which initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or which are disruptive to the school environment are not tolerated by the District. The Board believes gangs or gang activity create an atmosphere where violations of policies and regulations as well as Ohio laws may occur.

Incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations and/or related activities of such group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm are prohibited.

The Board directs the administration to establish regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student is subject to disciplinary action. This includes all forms and instruments of harassment and bullying, including electronic communications devices.

Training, to provide increased awareness of the threat to the safety of students, staff and school property which gang-related activity poses, is provided on an as-needed basis. Presentations provide training in current identification symbols used by those involved in gang-related activity and include things such as the identification of hand signals, apparel, jewelry and/or any other pertinent gang-related information.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.20; 3313.66; 3313.661

CROSS REFS.: EDE, Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)  
JFC, Student Conduct  
JFCA, Student Dress Code  
JFCF, Hazing  
JFCK, Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
Student Handbooks