

**STUDENTS****Gangs**

The Board of Trustees desires to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which advocate drug use, violence, disruptive behavior or defacement of property with graffiti.

The Board therefore prohibits all gang related activity on all school campuses and during all school sponsored events. Additionally, the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, symbols, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute denotes membership in such a group or gang, is prohibited.

In addition, the Board realizes that many students become involved in gangs without understanding the consequences of gang membership. Early intervention is a key component of efforts to break the cycle of gang membership. Therefore, cooperation with Law Enforcement including Police and Probation Officers, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and participating agencies is essential. A strong Student Study Team for support and prevention is recommended.

Legal References:	California Education Code, Sections 35291 Knowledge of Rules of Discipline 51265 High Priority for Programs Penal Code Sec. 186.22(f) defines street gangs
Board Policy:	5130 Student Discipline and Code of Conduct 5132 Dress and Grooming

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