

Students

Student Involvement in Gang Activities

Students are prohibited from engaging in gang activity. The recruitment for gang membership and the possession, display or use of gang symbols, language and/or signage is strictly prohibited in school or on school grounds. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

A "gang" is any group of 2 or more persons whose purpose includes the commission of illegal acts.

No student shall engage in any gang activity, including, but not limited to:

1. Wearing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other thing that are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.

Gang identifiers, which change periodically, may not be displayed by anyone at any time at the District 20 schools, including after-school events. Students may not display or wear any sign, gesture, insignia, symbol, color, combination of colors or combination of clothing, wearing apparel, or accessories that the Administration has designated as a gang identifier. Examples of gang identifiers include, but are not limited to: Playboy Bunny insignia, a single glove, 5- or 6- pointed stars, arrows or pitchforks shaved into the hair or otherwise exhibited. The administration may add to this list of identifiers at any time.
2. Committing any act or omission, or using any speech, either verbal or non-verbal (such as gestures or hand-shakes) showing membership or affiliation in a gang.
3. Using any speech or committing any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to: (a) soliciting others for membership in any gangs, (b) requesting any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person, (c) committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies, (d) inciting other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

Students engaging in any gang-related activity will be subject to one or more of the following disciplinary actions:

Removal from extra-curricular and athletic activities
Conference with parent(s)/guardian(s)
Referral to appropriate law enforcement agency
Suspension for up to 10 days
Expulsion for the remainder of the school term

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