

StudentsGangs

The Board of Education desires to keep District schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. He/she shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities. (cf. 3515.1 - Crime Data Reporting) (cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances) (cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide inservice training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources.

The Board realizes that many students become involved in gangs for many reasons, such as peer pressure, the need for a sense of belonging and lack of refusal skills. Age appropriate gang violence prevention education shall start with students in the early elementary grades and may start in kindergarten.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct and any school dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel are enforced consistently. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian. (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan) (cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming) (cf 5136 - Gangs) (cf 5144 – Discipline) (cf. 6164.2 - Guidance Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32230-32239	School Violence Reduction Program
35183	Gang-related apparel
35294.1	School safety plans
48907	Student exercise of free expression
51264	Educational inservice training; SDE guidelines
51265	Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training.
51266-51266.5	Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
58730-58736	Gang risk intervention programs
58750-58755	Extended school-day activities and violence reduction act

PENAL CODE

186.22	Participation in criminal street gang
13826-13826.7	Gang violence suppression

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7143	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994
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Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

On Alert: Gang Prevention in School and Inservice Guidelines, January 1994

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1995

