

GANG-RELATED OR OTHER CRIMINAL ACTS AND STUDENT SAFETY

The Board recognizes that students must feel physically safe in school. Gang-related or other criminal acts committed by individual students or groups of students interfere with the mission of the District. Intimidation, weapons or the threat of violence have no place in our schools.

The Board further recognizes that the presence of gangs, gang activities, and gang affiliations can cause a disruption of or interfere with school and school activities. Students enrolled in the District shall not be involved in anti-social, gang-related, or criminal activities which disrupt school or school sponsored activities. Students will refrain from gang-related activities in school or at school sponsored activities. Gang-related, gang titled, anti-social or criminal activities will not be tolerated and will be reported to and monitored by school administrators.

Related Definition

A "gang" as defined by this policy is:

1. A group of three or more individuals with a unique name, identifiable marks or symbols;
2. who claim turf or territory;
3. who associates on a regular basis, and/or;
4. who engage in anti-social or criminal activity.

School administrators shall monitor student behavior by using the following criteria to identify gang involvement.

The criteria to be considered include, but are not limited, to the following:

1. Having gang tattoos.
2. Wearing gang garb that could include the color of clothing, head covering or methods of grooming.
3. Displaying gang markings or slogans on personal property or clothing.
4. Possessing literature that indicates gang membership.
5. Admitting or alleging gang membership.
6. Being arrested with known gang members.
7. Attending functions sponsored by the gang or known gang members.
8. Obtaining corroborating evidence from reliable and multiple sources such as relatives, faculty, staff, students or citizens of gang involvement.
9. Receiving information from law enforcement agencies that a youth is a gang member.
10. Exhibiting behavior fitting police profiles of gang related activity.
11. Being stopped by the police with a known gang member.
12. Loitering, riding or meeting with a gang member.
13. Selling or distributing drugs for a known gang member.
14. Helping a known gang member commit a crime.
15. Committing a crime at the request of or on behalf of a known gang member.

School staff will monitor and document the existence of gang activity or weapons in the schools. If school officials record student involvement for monitoring purposes, the parents/guardians of the student will be informed in writing by school officials.

The District Administrator will coordinate all efforts related to this policy and any other gang activities undertaken by the District to eliminate gang related anti-social behavior.

Disciplinary Action

Depending on the number of gang affiliation indicators and severity of the threat to student safety, some or all of the following actions may occur:

1. Conference with parent/guardian and student to discourage gang related activities.
2. Detention.
3. Suspension.
4. Expulsion.

Legal Ref.: Sections 120.12(2) and 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statutes

Local Ref.: Policy #831 – Weapons on School Property