

Gang Activity or Association

- I. The type of dress, apparel, activities, acts, behavior or manner of grooming displayed, reflected or participated in by the students shall not:
 - A. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts, or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
 - B. Present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff, and other employees;
 - C. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
 - D. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or on one's person.
- II. Gang-related clothing or styles of grooming, may vary from school to school, and may change from year to year. Therefore, it may be necessary, at some point in time to **prohibit** the wearing of certain items of apparel and certain styles of grooming not limited to specific hair styles, colors, logos, manufacturer brand names, etc.. The purpose of prohibiting these items of apparel or styles of grooming is to prevent identifying students as gang members and to prevent non-gang members from being mistakenly victimized.
- III. If the student's behavior or other attribute is in violation of these provisions, the principal or designee shall request the student to make the appropriate correction. If the student refuses, the parent/guardian may be notified and asked to make the necessary correction. The principal shall take appropriate corrective and disciplinary action.

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