

Gangs

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools and students 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 confrontations between members of different gangs. He/she shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct are enforced consistently and that all students have access to counselors as needed.

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 which may help our students.

Prevention Education

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 gang violence prevention education in the third grade.

The California Legislature has declared that gang-related apparel is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment. The Board recognizes that there is evidence of a gang presence in district schools that may disrupt or interfere with school activities. The Board has determined that the Superintendent or designee may establish reasonable dress code regulations prohibiting students from wearing gang-related apparel when necessary for the health and safety of the school environment.

Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**

35183 Gang-related apparel

35294.1 School safety plans

48907 Student exercise of free expression

51264 Educational inservice training; CDE guidelines

51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training

51266-51266.5 Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum

51267 Resource guide to gang violence prevention curricula and programs

PENAL CODE

186.22 Participation in criminal street gang

13826-13826.7 Gang violence suppression

Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al 827 F. Supp. 1459
(C.D. Cal. 1993)

Management Resources:

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

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