

Students

**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.

*(cf. 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

The Board realizes that 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)*

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32282 School safety plans  
35183 Gang-related apparel  
41510-41514 School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant  
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

PENAL CODE

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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

Policy

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