

GANGS

The Governing Board 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~~ who exhibit behavior disruptive to the school environment and/or the safety and well-being of students. The Board additionally desires to provide support and intervention to students who are members of gangs to enable them to successfully disengage from gang involvement and be successful in school.

~~(cf. 3515.1 - Crime Data Reporting)~~ 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

~~(cf. 3513.4 - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)~~

~~(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Student Disturbances)~~

~~(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)~~

~~(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)~~

~~(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for gang prevention that address the reasons that students may become involved in gangs, including the identity, recognition, or status achieved as being part of a gang, protection from gang violence in the community, the need for companionship and an extended family, intimidation to join a gang, desire to join a gang to be in a position to intimidate others, and/or connection with criminal activity.

Gang violence prevention shall start as early as possible and include, but not be limited to, age-appropriate education that focuses on developing emotional and social competence, increasing prosocial peer bonds, strengthening attachment and commitment to school, and enhancing cooperative learning skills. Prevention shall also include improving parent/guardian involvement in and support for their children's academic progress, as well as ongoing gang awareness education for parents/guardians, including gang identifiers.

~~(cf. 5020 - Parent Involvement)~~

~~(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang activity on school campuses, including threats and intimidation of students and staff, recruitment or intimidation of students to join gangs, bullying, fighting, criminal activities, and confrontations between members of different gangs.

~~(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)~~

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 principal or designee and the student's parent/guardian.

~~(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall provide ~~in-service~~ in-service 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 Superintendent or designee shall also provide staff development on social and emotional learning, classroom management, interactive teaching, and cooperative learning skills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee may consider gang activity prevention and intervention when developing programs outside of the school day.

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
(cf. 5148.3 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with child welfare services, mental health agencies, social services, and local law enforcement authorities in the prevention and intervention of gang activity.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

~~The Board realizes that many students become involved in gangs without understanding the consequences of gang membership. 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 are enforced consistently and that all students have access to counselors and other appropriate resource personnel as needed. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.~~

~~(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance Services)~~

~~Note: Education Code 35183 states that the Board may adopt reasonable regulations prohibiting students from wearing gang-related apparel if it determines the regulations are necessary for health and safety purposes. The definition of "gang-related apparel" must be limited to apparel that reasonably could be determined to threaten the health and safety of the school environment. In *Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al*, 827 F.Supp. 1459 (C.D. Cal. 1993), a federal district court held that in order to justify a gang-related dress code, there must be evidence of a gang presence at a school and actual or threatened disruption or material interference with school activity. Education Code 35294.1 specifies that for the above purposes, gang-related apparel shall not be considered a protected form of speech pursuant to Education Code 48950.~~

~~The Board believes that gang-related apparel is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment. When there is evidence of a gang presence in district schools that disrupts or threatens to disrupt school activities, the Superintendent or designee may establish reasonable dress code regulations prohibiting students from wearing gang-related apparel. In addition, individual schools may, in their school safety plans, prohibit gang-related apparel on school grounds.~~

~~(cf. 3515 - School Safety and Security)
(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
~~32281~~32282 *School safety plans*

35183 *Gang-related apparel*
~~41510-41514 School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant~~
48907 *Student exercise of free expression*
48950 *Student freedom of speech*
51264 *Educational ~~inservice~~in-service training; CDE guidelines*
51265 *Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention ~~inservice~~in-service 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*
~~Marvin H. Jeglin et al v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al 827 F.Supp. 1459 (C.D. Cal. 1993)~~
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
~~7101-7184 Safe~~7122 *Student Support and ~~Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act~~Academic Enrichment Grants*

Management Resources:

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

~~On Alert~~: Why Young People Join Gangs

NATIONAL GANG CENTER PUBLICATIONS

Strategic Planning Tool

Gangs in Schools, March 2019

Parents' Guide to Gangs, July 2015

WEB SITES

California Cities Gang Prevention ~~in School and Inservice Guidelines, January 1994~~Network:

<http://www.ccgpn.org>

Gang Resistance Education and Training: <https://www.great-online.org/GREAT-Home>

Los Angeles Police Department, Gangs: http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed/content_basic_view/1396

Homeboy Industries: <https://homeboyindustries.org>

National Gang Center: <https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov>

Department of Education: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/s>

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