

UNAUTHORIZED GROUPS

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any unauthorized groups which advocate drug use, or disruptive behavior, such as but not limited to violence, intimidation, threats, coercion, congregating in mass. The principal or designee shall maintain continual, visible supervision of school premises so as to deter unauthorized group intimidation of students and confrontations between members of different unauthorized groups.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish open lines of communication with local law enforcement authorities so as to share information and provide mutual support in this effort.

The Superintendent or designee shall in cooperation with law enforcement provide inservice training which helps staff to identify various symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond to inappropriate behavior. Staff and selected students shall be trained in the use of conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources, which may help our students.

The Board realizes that many students become involved in unauthorized groups without understanding the consequences of unauthorized group association. Early intervention is a key component of efforts to break the cycle of unauthorized group association. Therefore, Violence prevention education in the schools may start with enrollment in TUSD.

The Board prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, tattoos or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, or combination of color, arrangements, trademark, or any other attribute, denotes membership in any unauthorized group, which advocates disruptive behavior such as but not limited to violence, intimidation, threats, coercion and congregation in mass. This policy shall be applied as the need for it arises at individual school sites.

If a student exhibits signs of unauthorized group affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.

**Legal Reference:**

EDUCATION CODE

32239.5	School Violence Prevention and Response Act of 1999
32282	School Safety Plans
35183	Gang-related apparel
35294.10 – 35294.15	School Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy Program
48907	Student exercise of free expression
51264	Educational inservice training; CDE guidelines

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51265	Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training
51266-51266.5	Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
41511	Gang Risk Intervention Programs

PENAL CODE

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

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7143	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994
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Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

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

Protecting Our Schools:	Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1996
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