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Policy Information

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The goal of the Bourne School Committee is to keep district schools and students free from the threats of harmful influence of any gang. For purposes of this policy, gang is defined as any group, secret society, organization, or association that advocates drug use, violence, ethnic intimidation, or disruptive or illegal behavior. The principal or his/her designee shall maintain supervision of school premises to deter intimidation of students and confrontations between members of different gangs.

The Superintendent shall establish open lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies so as to share information and provide mutual support in this effort within appropriate legal guidelines.

Symbols

The School Committee finds that gang symbols are inherently disruptive to the educational process and, therefore, prohibits the presence of any insignia, apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or other school supply, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute denotes membership in gangs. The School Committee further prohibits any demonstration of gang membership through the use of hand gestures, graffiti, or printed materials. This policy shall be applied by the principal or his/her designee as the need for it arises at individual school sites. A student may be suspended or expelled for failure to comply with the provisions of this policy.

Prevention Education

The School Committee realizes that students may become involved in gangs without understanding the consequences of such membership. Early intervention is a key component of efforts to break the cycle of such memberships. Therefore, gang violence prevention information shall be made available in the elementary, middle and high schools as appropriate.

Secret Societies

Fraternalities, sororities and/or secret societies shall not receive District or building recognition in any manner.

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