

**DaVinci Academy of Science and The Arts**

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### **GANG PREVENTION and INTERVENTION**

- I. The purpose of this policy is to comply with the requirements of Utah Administrative Code R277-436 and Utah Code §53A-15-603.
- II. DAVINCI ACADEMY officials are concerned about at risk youth and are trained to recognize early warning signs for youth in trouble and will report suspected gang activity to the Principal and law enforcement.

A gang is defined as a group of three or more individuals with a unique name, identifiable marks or symbols, who may claim a territory or turf, associate on a regular basis, and who engage in criminal, antisocial behavior, or interfere with the normal orderly operation of the school.

Gang activities are prohibited in school and at extra-curricular or school related activities as is the wearing of gang paraphernalia or apparel that identifies a student as a gang member. Students aligning themselves with gangs or engaging in gang activities may be suspended or expelled from school. Gang paraphernalia or apparel will be confiscated by school officials and not returned. DAVINCI ACADEMY faculty and staff reserve the right to interpret whether attire is appropriate.

DAVINCI ACADEMY administrators and other school personnel designated by the administration shall be trained and have authority to identify student behavior as gang-related and may be allowed under district policy to treat such designated behavior as imminently dangerous to students and staff and follow the procedures outlined in this policy for disciplining students involved in gang-related activities.

- III. Gang-related graffiti or damage to school property shall result in parent or guardian notification and appropriate administrative and law enforcement actions, which may include obtaining restitution from those responsible for the damage;
  - a. if a serious gang-related incident, as determined by the school administrator in consultation with local law enforcement, occurs on school property, at school related activities, or on a site that is normally considered to be under school control, notification shall be provided to parents and guardians of students in the school;
  - b. informing them, in general terms, about the incident, but removing all personally identifiable information about students from the notice;
  - c. emphasizing the school's concern for safety; and
  - d. outlining the action taken at the school regarding the incident;
- IV. School faculty and personnel shall be trained by experienced evidence based trainers that may include community gang specialists and law enforcement as part of comprehensive strategies to recognize early warning signs for youth in trouble and help students resist serious involvement in undesirable activity, including joining gangs or mimicking gang behavior; prohibitions on the following behavior:

- a. advocating or promoting a gang or any gang-related activities;
- b. marking school property, books, or school work with gang names, slogans, or signs;
- c. conducting gang initiations;
- d. threatening another person with bodily injury or inflicting bodily injury on another in connection with a gang or gang-related activity;
- e. aiding or abetting an activity described under Section III by a person's presence or support;
- f. displaying or wearing common gang apparel, common dress, or identifying signs or symbols on one's clothing, person, or personal property that is disruptive to the school environment; and
- g. communicating in any method, including verbal, non-verbal, and electronic means, designed to convey gang membership or affiliation.