

Descriptor Term: SECRET SOCIETIES

Descriptor Code: JHCAA

Rescinds: JHCAA

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Previously Approved:

It is unlawful for any pupil attending the public schools of this state to become a member of or to belong to or participate in the activities of any high school fraternity, sorority, or secret society as defined in section 37-11-37.

The Board of Trustees of the Gulfport School District prohibits fraternities, sororities, or secret societies in all high schools under its jurisdiction. It will be the duty of the Board to suspend or expel from high schools under its control any pupil or pupils who will be or remain a member of or joins or promises to join, or be pledged to become a member of, any public high school fraternity, sorority or secret society, as defined in section 37-11-37.

It is unlawful for any person not enrolled in high school to solicit any pupil enrolled in high school to join or pledge himself or herself to become a member of any high school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, or to solicit any pupil to attend a meeting thereof or any meeting where the joining of any such high school fraternity, sorority, or secret organization will be encouraged.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section will be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof will be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every offense.

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, §37-11-37, §37-11-39; §37-11-41;§ 37-11-43;§ 37-11-45