

1 **3611 STUDENTS**

2 Gangs and Gang Activity

3 The Board is committed to ensuring a safe and orderly environment, where learning and teaching may
4 occur void of physical or psychological disruptions, unlawful acts, or violations of school regulations. Gang
5 activities create an atmosphere of intimidation in the entire school community. Both the immediate
6 consequences of gang activity and the secondary effects are disruptive and obstructive to the process of
7 education and school activities. Groups of individuals which meet the definition of gangs, defined below,
8 shall be restricted from school grounds or school activities.

9 **A gang is defined as any group of two (2) or more persons, whether formal or informal, who associate**
10 **together to advocate, conspire, or commit:**

- 11 A. One or more criminal acts; or
- 12 B. Acts which threaten the safety or well-being of property or persons, including, but not limited to,
13 harassment and intimidation.

14 **Students on school property or at any school-sponsored activity shall not:**

- 15 1. Wear, possess, use, distribute, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other
16 items which are evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or representative of
17 any gang;
- 18 2. Engage in any act, whether verbal or nonverbal, including gestures or handshakes, showing
19 membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or that is representative of any gang; or
- 20 3. Engage in any act furthering the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited
21 to:
 - 22 a. Soliciting membership in or affiliation with any gang;
 - 23 b. Soliciting any person to pay for protection or threatening another person, explicitly or
24 implicitly, with violence or with any other illegal or prohibited act;
 - 25 c. Painting, writing, or otherwise inscribing gang-related graffiti, messages, symbols, or signs
26 on school property;
 - 27 d. Engaging in violence, extortion, or any other illegal act or other violation of school
28 property.

29 Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, expulsion, and/or
30 notification of police.

31 Legal Reference:

32 § 45-8-405, MCA Pattern of criminal street gang activity

33 § 45-8-406, MCA Supplying of firearms to criminal street gang

34 Policy History:

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