

## **GANG ACTIVITY IN THE APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROHIBITED**

Gang activity in the Appleton Area School District schools or on school property is prohibited.

The Appleton Area School District defines a gang as an organized association, either formal or informal, of two or more persons with common signs, symbols, and other identifying factors, who individually or collectively engage in criminal activity.

**Cross References:** Student Dress Policy, 443.1  
Violence and Intimidation, 443.7  
Gang Activity, 443.8–Rule

**Legal References:** Wisconsin State Statutes 48.396(7)(b), 895.77(2), 939.22(9),  
943.017

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### Procedures

Gang criminal activity includes, but is not limited to, intimidating or threatening others, participating in and/or enticing others to participate in any form of physical violence involving persons or property.

A gang member is an individual meeting any two or more of the gang related listed criteria:

- Self admission of gang membership
- Witness testimony
- Correspondence such as notes, letters, tapes, etc. indicating gang membership
- Paraphernalia or photographs of gang activities
- Gang related tattoos
- Gang related clothing or colors
- Association with known gang members

Gang activity includes, but is not limited to, the display or possession of gang symbols, soliciting others for membership, requesting payment of dues, insurance, or other forms of protection from any individual, intimidating or threatening any individual, and/or inciting others to participate in any form of physical violence involving persons or property, or other criminal activity.

Gang identifiers, which may change periodically, will not be allowed to be displayed by anyone at any Appleton Area School District school at any time including after-school events or school-sponsored activities. Students may not display or wear any sign, gesture, insignia, symbol, color, combination or colors or combination or clothing, wearing apparel, or accessories which have been designed as gang identifiers. Examples of gang identifiers include, but are not limited to: 5-6 point stars, arrows, pitchforks, crowns, identifying numbers or groups of names or initials.

The list of identifiers may be updated at any time.

#### Consequences:

- ✓ Notification of parents and/or guardians and/or law enforcement officials.
- ✓ Suspension from school pending parent/student conference with school
- ✓ Repeat offenders:
  - Five days suspension with follow-up parent/school conference.
  - Possible recommendation for expulsion.

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