

Regulation 5136 Gangs

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Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall become informed of the gang history in the district and community, conduct assessments of current gang activity at the school sites, and document and follow up on gang-related incidents.

In order to discourage the influence of gangs, the following measures shall be implemented:

1. Any student suspected of gang affiliation based on the display of behavior, gestures, apparel, or paraphernalia shall be referred to the principal or designee, and the following actions taken, as appropriate:
 - a. The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and may be asked to meet with school staff in order to proactively address the concern and be included as part of the solution.
 - b. The student may be sent home to change clothes if necessary.
 - c. The student's behaviors and progress in school shall be documented, including attendance and grades.
 - d. Intervention techniques such as mentoring, academic support, and a system of wraparound support service shall be implemented to help the student disengage from gang involvement.
 - e. Consistent and graduated discipline and accountability shall be implemented when appropriate and combined with positive support using conflict-resolution strategies and other restorative justice practices demonstrated to be effective with gang-involved youth.
 - f. Students shall be offered help in rejecting gang associations, including possible referral to community-based gang suppression and prevention organizations.
 - g. Law enforcement shall be notified if the student is suspected of being involved in gangs.
2. Any graffiti on school premises shall be removed, washed down, or painted over as soon as discovered. Graffiti shall be documented and photographed before it is removed. These photographs shall be shared with local law enforcement authorities and

used in future disciplinary or criminal action against the offenders. This information can also be used to determine whether a threat or incident is imminent.

3. Classroom and after-school programs may include gang prevention lessons that are taught jointly by teachers, counselors, law enforcement, and/or other organizations that are knowledgeable about gang prevention and shall:
 - a. Provide social and emotional learning designed to enhance individual self-esteem, provide positive reinforcement for acceptable behavior, and foster interest in a variety of constructive activities
 - b. Explain the dangers of gang membership
 - c. Provide counseling for targeted at-risk students
 - d. Include lessons or role-playing workshops in gang avoidance skills and nonviolent conflict resolution, including communication skills, anti-bullying, anger management, acceptance, and mediation skills
 - e. Assign individual gang members to cooperative learning groups in which they may work toward common goals with students who are not members of their gang
 - f. Provide school-to-career instruction
 - g. Provide positive interaction with local law enforcement

Staff shall actively promote membership in authorized school clubs and student organizations, sports and cultural activities and affiliations with the local community, and community service projects which can provide students companionship, safety, and a sense of purpose and belonging.

Parent/Guardian and Community Outreach

The Superintendent or designee may offer gang prevention classes or counseling for parents/guardians which may address the following topics:

1. The reasons students join gangs
2. The dangers and consequences of gang membership
3. Warning signs which may indicate that students are at risk of becoming involved with gangs, including the use of social media for gang communication and promotion
4. The nature of local gang apparel and graffiti
5. Effective parenting techniques and planning family time

6. Conflict resolution techniques

In addition, the Superintendent or designee may offer community programs that address the scope and nature of local gang problems and strategies by which each segment of the community may alleviate gang problems.

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Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Ed. Code 32280-32289.5
Ed. Code 35183
Ed. Code 48907

Ed. Code 51264
Ed. Code 51265

Ed. Code 51266-51266.5
Pen. Code 13826-13826.7
Pen. Code 186.22

Federal

20 USC 7101-7122

Management Resources

Website

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[School safety plans](#)
[Gang-related apparel](#)
[Exercise of free expression; time, place and manner rules and regulations](#)
[Educational in-service training; CDE guidelines](#)
[Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention in-service training](#)
[Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum](#)
[Gang violence suppression](#)
[Participation in criminal street gang](#)

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Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

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[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

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