

Students**GANG SYMBOLS**

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which advocate drug use or disruptive behavior. The Board therefore prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in such a group. This policy shall be applied at the principal's discretion as the need for it arises at individual school sites.

(cf. 6145.5 - Organizations/Associations)

Any student wearing or carrying overt gang paraphernalia or making gestures that symbolize gang membership shall be referred to the principal or designee. The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and the student sent home to change clothes if necessary.

Disciplinary problems shall be handled as individual problems and not labeled as gang problems.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff inservice training in gang recognition and communicate to all staff current symbols of gang membership.

In order to refrain from giving gangs publicity, any gang graffiti shall be quietly removed, washed down or painted over as soon as discovered.

The Board encourages each school to provide classroom and after-school programs designed to enhance individual self-esteem, to foster interest in a variety of wholesome activities, and to promote membership in authorized student organizations.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

51264 Educational inservice training; SDE guidelines

51265 Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training

PUBLIC LAW 107-110

4001-4304 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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