

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GANG POLICY

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218.4. GANG POLICY	
1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that a school campus is a place that has appropriate rules and regulations to ensure a safe and healthy environment which is conducive to learning for all students. All persons shall be knowledgeable of the conduct and expectations of which this school operates.
2. Authority	It is the policy of the JOC that membership or affiliation in illegal, secret fraternities or sororities, or in other illegal clubs or gangs not sponsored by established agencies or organizations and recognized by this school is strictly prohibited.
3. Guidelines	<p>The school will promote membership in authorized school groups only.</p> <p>Person(s) who initiate, advocate, or promote activities, openly or otherwise, which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property and which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the education process and will be dealt with as an offense of the most serious category.</p> <p>The use of hand signals, written or oral comments, stances, stares, graffiti or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute which indicates or implies, presents a clear and present danger to the school environment, its staff and students, and the educational objectives of the community and Commonwealth is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Any incident involving initiations or having intimidation and/or related activity of such illegal gangs or affiliates will hereby be considered actions which cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students or staff and is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Any person wearing, carrying, or displaying gang/group paraphernalia; exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize illegal gang/group membership; or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be subject to disciplinary action that could result in suspension and/or permanent expulsion.</p>

	<p>Recognizing that illegal organized gang/group activities is not a community/school problem, but rather a criminal problem, the Director or designee will involve and inform the police in each of the communities/townships of any school observed activity and develop a working relationship to suppress and combat gang/group activities.</p> <p>The school will further immediately involve parents/guardians, courts and such other agencies as appropriate to abolish illegal gang/group activities and promote prevention and intervention programs.</p>
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