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Policy 5023.7.1

Gang Activity or Association

Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational process. The use of hand signals, 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 membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur.

Incidents involving initiations, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

The Executive Director of EASTCONN will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The administration will provide service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff identification of students at-risk and promote membership in authorized school groups and/or activities as an alternative.

(cf. 5002.1.1 – Truancy)

(cf. 5023.1.1 – Conduct and Discipline)

(cf. 5023.5.1 – Vandalism)

(cf. 5007.1.1 – Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances)

(cf. 5023.6.1 – Out of School Misconduct)

(cf. 5003.1.1 – Bullying)

(cf. 5024.1.1 – Dress and Grooming)

(cf. 5021.1.1 – Search and Seizure)

(cf. 5017.4.1 – Racial Harassment of Students)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

7-294l State and local police training programs to provide training on gang-related violence.

7-294x Council to provide training to public school security personnel

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

29-7n Record and classification of gang-related crimes.

10-233a through 10-233f re in-school suspension, suspension and expulsion.

53-206 Carrying and sale of dangerous weapons.

53a-217b Possession of firearms and deadly weapons on school grounds.

Tinker vs. Des Moines Community School Agency (393 U.S. 503. 1969)

Jeglin v. San Jacinto Unified School Agency (827F. Supp. 1459-C.D.Ca. 1993)

Olesen v. Board of Directors School Agency No. 228 (676F. Supp. 820-N.D. Ill. 1987)

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