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Gangs and Gang Activity

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring a safe and orderly environment, where learning and teaching may occur without physical or psychological disruptions, unlawful acts, or violations of school regulations. Gang activities create an atmosphere of intimidation in the entire Charter School community. Both the immediate consequences of gang activity and the secondary effects are disruptive and obstructive to the process of education and school activities. Groups of individuals which meet the definition of gangs, defined below, shall be restricted from Charter School grounds and Charter School activities.

Definitions

“Gang” shall refer to any group of three (3) or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, associate together to advocate, conspire, or commit:

1. One or more criminal acts; or
2. Acts which threaten the safety or well-being of property or persons including, but not limited to, harassment and intimidation.

It shall also refer to gangs as defined in I.C. 18-8502.

Students on school property or at any school-sponsored activity shall not:

1. Wear, possess, use, distribute, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other items which are evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or representative of any gang;
2. Display tattoos which may be affiliated with any gang and/or representative of any gang;
3. Engage in any act, whether verbal or nonverbal, including gestures or handshakes, showing membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or that is representative of any gang; or
4. Engage in any act furthering the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to:



- A. Soliciting any person to pay for protection or threatening another person, explicitly or implicitly, with violence or with any other illegal or prohibited act;
- B. Painting, writing, or otherwise inscribing gang-related graffiti, messages, symbols, or signs on school property;
- C. Engaging in violence, extortion, or any other illegal act or other violation of school property.

Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, expulsion, and/or notification of police.

Cross Reference: 3260 Student Dress

Legal Reference: I.C. 33-506 Organization and Government of Board of Trustees
I.C. 33-512 Governance of Schools
I.C. 18-8500 Idaho Criminal Gang Enforcement Act
I.C. 18-8502 Definitions
Stephenson v. Davenport Community Sch. Dist., 110 F.3d 1303 (8th Cir. 1997)

Policy History:

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