

Students

Gang Activity or Association

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Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or at school-related activities, or which disrupt the school educational environment are harmful to the educational process. The use of hand signals or graffiti; the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group presents a clear and present danger and is prohibited. 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, hazings, 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 and subject to disciplinary actions.

Legal Reference:

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

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

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