

SECRET SOCIETIES/GANG ACTIVITY

At the principal's discretion, staff members may use the following techniques to discourage the influence of gangs:

1. Any student wearing or carrying overt gang paraphernalia or making gestures that symbolize gang membership or affiliation will be referred to the principal or designee. The student's parents/guardians will be contacted and the student sent home to change clothes if necessary. Items may be confiscated if deemed necessary. Repeat offenses will be considered willful disobedience or habitually disruptive and may result in suspension or expulsion.
2. Any gang graffiti on school premises will be quietly removed, washed down or painted over as soon as possible.
 - a. Regular checks for graffiti will be made throughout the campus, including restroom walls and doors.
 - b. Graffiti will be photographed before it is removed. These photographs will be shared with local law enforcement authorities and used in future disciplinary or criminal action against the offenders.
3. Classroom and after-school activities and programs at each school should enhance individual self-esteem, provide positive reinforcement for acceptable behavior and foster interest in a variety of wholesome activities.
4. Staff members will actively promote membership in authorized student organizations, which can provide students companionship, safety, and a sense of purpose and belonging.

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