

GANG RELATED BEHAVIOR

Youth Gangs

The Barneveld School District will continue to create and maintain a safe and orderly, learning environment. The presence of gangs, gang affiliations, and gang related activities within a school threatens the safety of students, staff, and parents in the school building and causes a disruption to and interference with the academic process.

The District prohibits all gangs, gang affiliations and gang-related activities from school buildings, school-related activities, and school property at all times. A “gang” is defined as, but not limited to, any identifiable group or club which exists without school sponsorship, or the sponsorship of any recognized adult community or civic organization, and which engages in antisocial or criminal behavior.

No gang insignia may be worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried or sold by a student on school grounds or at school-related activities at any time. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Hats, caps, jackets, headbands, shirts or other clothing that have come to be gang identified.
- b. Tattoos or other materials imprinted on the body that are either intended to be permanent or are easily removed.
- c. Medallions or other jewelry which identify gang members or gang affiliation or which have come to represent a gang.

Students are not permitted to send gang signs either through their body language or in the manner in which they wear their clothing.

Gangs are not permitted to meet or congregate on school premises or at school-related activities at any time. Such meeting or congregation will be considered trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

A record of all known gangs and members of such gangs will be compiled. This record will regularly be shared with law enforcement officials to the extent allowed or required by law.

Any violators and/or violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and will be reported to appropriate law enforcement.

Any student, known to be a gang member, will be barred from representing the school as a member of an athletic team, or as a participant in co-curricular activities. This prohibition will continue until the student proves to the school administration that he/she is no longer gang affiliated.

All school district employees have a responsibility to report to their immediate supervisor any suspected gang-related activities. Furthermore, the reporting employee shall be without fear of reprisal from the School Board and/or Administration as a result of such report.

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