

## FHCJ - Gang Activity

The School Board has determined that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of, or material interferences with, school and school activities. "Gang" means a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance or language, including hand signs, the claiming of geographical territory or the exposing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of gangs and gang activities.

After consulting with parents, teachers, students, local community and state agencies, the district will develop a program that addresses gang involvement and related violent activities. The program will be coordinated with the district's drug and alcohol health education plan.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidation and/or related activities which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students is prohibited.

### Gang Prevention and Intervention Program

The district will develop a plan to include:

1. An assessment of the nature and extent of gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse by students in the district;
2. An assessment of the impact of the gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse on attendance and educational achievement by students of the district;
3. A summary of the extent and type of needs to reduce gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse by the students which shall minimally include:
  - A. Strategies to reduce drug activities, violent activities and drug abuse;
  - B. Methods to communicate conflict resolution skills for staff and students;
  - C. Strategies to keep staff, students, parents and the public informed about the district's comprehensive gang prevention and intervention policy and related activities.
4. In-service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff identification of students at risk and promote membership in authorized school groups and activities as an alternative.

Cross Ref:      Policy FHCG      Carrying Weapons  
                  Policy FID        Student Organizations

Legal Ref:        Tinker vs. Des Moines Community School District 393 U.S. 503  
                  (1969)

**New Town Public  
School District #1**

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