

Millwood Public Schools 6724 Martin L. King Oklahoma City, OK 73111	Policy: J-20 Adopted: 04/04/94 Revised: 6/30/97 9/30/02 9/8/08
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GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION

Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which disrupt the school environment or school community are harmful to the educational process and will not be tolerated. The use of verbalization, gestures, hand signals, codes, graffiti, electronic communication or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of such regulations may occur.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying 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.

The superintendent will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance or well being of another student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

The superintendent will provide training in-service in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff identification of students at-risk and promote membership in authorized school groups and/or activities as an alternative.

Legal references:

- School Laws of Oklahoma Article XXIV, Section
487. Pupils-Suspension-Appeal
488. Electronic Paging Devices Prohibited
489. Pupils- Dangerous Weapons - Dangerous Substances,
Electronic Paging
153. Assault on School District Employees
154. Control and Discipline of Child

Cross Reference: Board Policy J-35
Board Policy J-29