

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
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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, hand signals, codes, graffiti, 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, hazings, 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