

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Gang Activity or Association	Descriptor Code: 6.3101	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of
2 persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the
3 educational process. The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, acces-
4 sory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any
5 other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a
6 clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and
7 creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur.

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9 Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group affiliations
10 which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting
11 in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

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13 The director of schools will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing,
14 carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia,¹ or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang
15 membership, or causing and/or practicing in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of
16 another student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

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18 The administration will provide service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff
19 identification of students at-risk and promote membership in authorized school groups and/or activi-
20 ties as an alternative.

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