

Benton County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Gang Activity or Association</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.3101	Issued Date: 11/04/13
		Rescinds: 6.3101	Issued: 05/07/12

1 Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being
 2 of persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful
 3 to the educational process.

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 5 The use of hand signals, graffiti, the presence of any jewelry, accessory, apparel or manner of
 6 grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any attribute
 7 which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and
 8 present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and
 9 creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violation of school regulations may occur.

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

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

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

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 Legal References:

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 Cross References:

Discipline Procedures 6.313
 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316