

# Rutherford County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Gang Activity or Association</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.3101</b>	Issued Date: <b>01/15/09</b>
		Rescinds: <b>5-15.5</b>	Issued:

1 Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons  
2 or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational  
3 process. The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner  
4 of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute which  
5 indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger.  
6 This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where  
7 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 in  
11 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,<sup>1</sup> or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang  
15 membership, or causing and/or practicing in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of an  
16 other 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 activities  
20 as an alternative.

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Legal Reference:

36 1. TCA 49-6-4215

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Cross References:

36 Dress Code 6.310  
37 Discipline Procedures 6.313  
38 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316  
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