

**GANGS**

The Board of Trustees desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which exhibit drug use, violence or disruptive behavior. The Superintendent or designee shall take steps to deter gang intimidation of students and staff and confrontations between members of different gangs. He/she shall exchange information and establish mutually supportive efforts with local law enforcement authorities.

The Administration shall provide inservice training which helps staff to identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct are enforced consistently and that all students have access to counselors as needed. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.

The Board believes that gang-related apparel is hazardous to the health and safety of the school environment. When there is evidence of a gang presence in district schools that disrupts or threatens to disrupt school activities, the Superintendent or designee may establish reasonable dress code regulations prohibiting students from wearing gang-related apparel. In addition, individual schools may, in their school safety plans, prohibit gang-related apparel on school grounds.

**LEGAL REFERENCE****CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE**

35183	Gang-related apparel
35294.1	Safety plans
48907	Student exercise of free expression
51264	Educational inservice training; CDE guidelines
51265	Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention inservice training
51266-51266.5	Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum
58700-56707	Gang risk intervention programs

**PENAL CODE**

186.22	Participation in criminal street gangs
13826-13826.7	Gang violence suppression

Marvin H. Jeglin et all v. San Jacinto Unified School District et al 827 F. Supp. 1459 (C.D. Cal. 1992)

**MANAGEMENT RESOURCES****CDE PUBLICATIONS**

On Alert: Gang Prevention in School and Inservice Guidelines, January 1994