Policy

**SECRET SOCIETIES/GANG ACTIVITY**

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The board finds that secret societies and gangs that initiate, advocate, or promote activities threatening the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or secret societies and gangs that disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational process.

The district prohibits the use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute indicates or implies membership or affiliation with a group that presents a clear and present danger contrary to the school environment and educational objectives.

The district prohibits incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations, or related activities of such group affiliations that are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students.

The administration will establish procedures and regulations to ensure the discipline of any student wearing, carrying, or displaying secret society and gang paraphernalia; exhibiting behavior or gestures that symbolize secret societies and gang membership; or causing or participating in activities that intimidate or impact the attendance of another student.

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

Adopted ^

Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-63-270 - Regulation or prohibition of clubs and similar activities on school property.
2. Section 59-63-275 - Student hazing prohibited; definitions.