Policy 3310 – Gangs & Gang Activity

The Board is committed to ensuring a safe and orderly environment, where learning and teaching may occur without physical or psychological disruptions, unlawful acts, or violations of school regulations. Gang activities create an atmosphere of intimidation in the entire school community. Both the immediate consequences of gang activity and the secondary effects are disruptive and obstructive to the process of education and school activities. Groups of individuals which meet the definition of gangs below shall be restricted from school grounds or school activities.

Definitions

"Gang" shall refer to any group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and associate together to advocate, conspire, or commit:

1. One or more criminal acts; or
2. Acts which threaten the safety or well-being of property or persons, including, but not limited to, harassment and intimidation.

It also includes gangs as defined in Idaho Code.

Students on school property or at any school-sponsored activity shall not:

1. Wear, possess, use, distribute, or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other items which are evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or representative of any gang;

2. Display tattoos which may be affiliated with any gang and/or representative of any gang;

3. Engage in any act, whether verbal or nonverbal, including gestures or handshakes, showing membership in or affiliation with any gang and/or that is representative of any gang; or

4. Engage in any act furthering the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to:

    A. Soliciting membership in or affiliation with any gang;
    B. Soliciting any person to pay for protection or threatening another person, explicitly or implicitly, with violence or with any other illegal or prohibited act;
    C. Painting writing, or otherwise inscribing gang-related graffiti, messages, symbols, or signs on school property; or

D. Engaging in violence, extortion, or any other illegal act or other violation on school property.

Violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, expulsion, and/or notification of police.

Legal Reference:

Legal References	Description
IC § 33-210	Attendance at Schools —Students Using or Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substances
IDAPA 08.02.03.160	Safe Environment and Discipline
Pub. L. 100-690	The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (as amended)

Cross References

Code	Description
3255	Student Dress

Adopted:
Revised:
Reviewed: