

## **STUDENTS**

### **SUBJECT: Gangs**

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools desire to keep 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.

(cf. 3515.1 - Crime Data Reporting)  
(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)  
(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

The County Office of Education 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.

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools realize that students become involved in gangs for many reasons, such as peer pressure, the need for a sense of belonging, and lack of refusal skills. Age-appropriate gang violence prevention education shall start with students in the early elementary grades.

To further discourage the influence of gangs, the County Office of Education shall ensure that school/program rules of conduct and any dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel are enforced consistently. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the parent/guardian.

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32230-32239 School Violence Reduction Program

35183 Gang-related apparel

35294.1 School 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

58730-58736 Gang Intervention Programs

58750-58755 Extended schoolday activities and violence reduction act

PENAL CODE

186.22 Participation in criminal street gang

13826-13826.7 Gang violence suppression

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101 - 7143 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

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

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1995