

GANGS, GANG ACTIVITY, AND SIMILAR DESTRUCTIVE OR ILLEGAL GROUP BEHAVIOR

FILE: JLDBA

Purpose

To establish procedures to address gangs, gang activity, and similar destructive or illegal behavior in schools based on the State Board's model policy, as per *The Safe Schools Act of 2010*.

Definitions

Gang – "Criminal gang" means a group or association of three or more persons whose members:

- (1) individually or collectively engage in a pattern of criminal activity;
- (2) have as one of their primary objectives or activities the commission of one or more underlying crimes, including acts by juveniles that would be underlying crimes if committed by adults; and
- (3) have in common an overt or covert organizational or command structure.

Gang Activity – "Pattern of criminal gang activity" means the commission of, attempted commission of, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation of two or more underlying crimes or acts by a juvenile that would be an underlying crime if committed by an adult.

Policy Statement

The Board of Education prohibits gang activity in schools; or similar destructive or illegal group behavior. Furthermore, the Board of Education prohibits reprisals or retaliation against individuals who report suspected gang activity.

Legal Reference			
Policy Cross Reference	Adopted	Reviewed	Revised June 14, 2011 2 nd Reading