

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SERIES 400 STUDENTS

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GANG RELATED BEHAVIOR

The Marshall Public School District recognizes that a school must create and maintain a safe and orderly environment in which learning can take place. The presence of gangs, gang affiliations and gang-related activities within the school disrupts that learning environment by threatening the safety of students, staff, and parents in the school building, and causes a disruption to the academic process.

The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violation of school regulations may occur.

As a result of those beliefs, the Marshall Public School System hereby bars all gangs, gang affiliations and gang-related activities from school buildings, school-related activities and school property at all time. A “gang” is defined as any identifiable group or club which exists without the sponsorship of the school or the sponsorship of any recognized adult community or civic organization and which engages in antisocial or criminal behavior activity.

Gang associations which involve initiations, hazing, intimidations and/or related activities or any such activities in general which could potentially cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

The district administrator will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying or displaying association paraphernalia or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize association membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be subject to disciplinary action.

The district administrator or his/her designee will provide training programs that will help facilitate staff identification of gang association behaviors and characteristics. An added goal of this program is to encourage student promotion of membership in authorized school groups and/or activities as an alternative to gang affiliations.

Legal References:

Cross References:

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