

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY JICF – GANG ACTIVITY

Category: Recommended

It is the policy of the District that membership in gangs, secret societies, or in other clubs or groups not sponsored by established agencies or organizations, is prohibited on school district property and at school sponsored activities.

Group affiliations which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to the educational process. The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the display of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming, which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group present a clear and present danger to the school environment and educational objectives of the District and are prohibited.

Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidation, and/or activities of such group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

Any individual wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another individual will be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, termination, or removal from District property or the school-sponsored activity.

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

District Policy History:

Adopted: August 1, 2012