

# **LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

POLICY: 218.1  
SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: GANG ACTIVITY  
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## **218.1 GANG ACTIVITY**

### **Purpose**

The Board strongly believes that a safe and orderly environment is essential for effective teaching and learning to occur within the school setting.

To ensure a safe and orderly school environment, the Board prohibits gang activity on school property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, while traveling to or from school or school activities, or on school vehicles.

### **Definition**

**Gang** shall mean any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts and having a common name or common identifying sign, colors, or symbols.

### **Guidelines**

Conduct prohibited by this policy includes:

1. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, signs or other items which may be evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang;
2. Communicating either verbally or non-verbally (gestures, handshakes, slogans, drawings, etc.), to convey membership or affiliation in a gang;
3. Tagging, or otherwise defacing school or personal property with gang or gang-related symbols or slogans;
4. Requiring payment of protection, insurance, or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person related to gang activity;

5. Inciting other students to intimidate or to act with physical violence upon any other person related to gang activity;
6. Soliciting others for gang membership; or
7. Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies that relates to gang activity.

Gang related conduct shall also be construed as violating the Code of Student Conduct. Any student engaging in gang related conduct shall be subject to discipline as set forth in the Board Policies and the Code of Student Conduct. A copy of this policy shall be attached to the Code of Student Conduct.

#### First-Offense/Warning For Gang-Related Attire

Before being suspended for a first offense of wearing gang-related attire (when not involved in any kind of altercation), a student will receive a warning and will be allowed to immediately change or remove the attire that is in violation of this policy.

#### Consultation with Law Enforcement

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with law enforcement officials semi-annually to establish a list of gang-related items, symbols and behaviors. The principal or designee shall maintain this list in the main office of the school and shall notify students of the items, symbols and behaviors prohibited by this policy. This notice shall be included in the student handbook.