

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

BP 5136

### Students

#### GANGS

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups or gangs which engage in 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. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*

*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*

The Superintendent or designee shall provide regular 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 Board realizes 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 programs shall start with students in the early elementary grades and continue through junior and senior high school.

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

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

32282	School safety plans
35183	Gang-related apparel
41510-41514	School Safety Consolidated Competitive Grant
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

##### PENAL CODE

186.22	Participation in criminal street gang
13826-13826.7	Gang violence suppression

##### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7101-7184

*Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act*

*Management Resources:*

CDE PUBLICATIONS

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

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Protecting Our Schools: Board of Education Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1995*

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