

Gang and Gang Related Activities

The West Salem School District is dedicated to providing a healthy, safe and productive environment for staff, students and the general public. The School District also promotes the learning of responsible citizenship by staff and students. Toward these goals, the District has a responsibility to maintain a school environment free of violence, intimidation or other behavior that threatens the safety health and wellbeing of students and staff.

Therefore, antisocial and /or criminal behavior of gangs or gang-like groups will not be tolerated.

Specifically, the following gang-related activities are prohibited:

1. Gang insignia worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried or sold by students on school grounds, school transportation or at school sponsored activities, gang signs used by students, either through body language or in the manner in clothing is to be worn;
2. Gang-related graffiti applied to school property;
3. Gang related graffiti applied to personal affects while on school property, on school transportation or at school sponsored events;
4. Gang-related graffiti applied to schoolwork or assessments; the work or assessments will not be accepted by the teacher;
5. Gangs to meet or congregate on school premises or at school related activities;
6. Gang-related attacks upon students or employees during school hours, on the way to/from school, at any school sponsored event, or, in the case of an employee, at any time the employee is carrying out school responsibilities;
7. Gang member recruitment or threats against a student for either not joining a gang or wishing to withdraw from a gang;
8. Gang member possessing or threatening to bring a firearm or weapon onto school property, on school transportation, or at school sponsored events.

West Salem School District
Policy 448

Students who violate the Board's gang policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, referral for expulsion and referral to law enforcement.

This policy shall be published annually in the Student Handbooks.

Cross Ref: West Salem Student Discipline Policy
West Salem Student Code of Conduct
West Salem Student Locker Search
West Salem Student Dress Policy
West Salem Weapons in School

REFERENCE: School District of Holmen Policy 443.8

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