

GANG ACTIVITY

- A. **Definition:** A "gang", is a group of people who interact among themselves to the exclusion of other groups, have a group name, claim their neighborhood or territory, and engage in criminal or anti-social behavior and/or behave in a manner which disrupts the educational process of a school on a regular or on-going basis.
- B. **Prohibitions:** No student in the Lafayette Parish School System, on or about school property or at any school activity, shall disrupt the educational process or school climate by the following:
1. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other items that evidences or reflects membership in, or affiliation with any gang.
 2. Engaging in any act, either verbal or nonverbal, including gestures of handshakes, showing membership or affiliation in any gang.
 3. Engaging in any act which furthers the interest of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to:
 - a. soliciting membership in, or affiliation with, any gang.
 - b. soliciting any person to pay for "protection", or threatening any person, explicitly or implicitly, with any other illegal or prohibited act.
 - c. painting, writing, or otherwise inscribing gang-related graffiti, messages, symbols, or signs, on school property including Lafayette Parish School board owned or contracted Lafayette Parish School board buses.
 - d. painting, writing, or otherwise inscribing gang-related graffiti, messages, symbols, or signs, on personal property, or his/her person.

- e. soliciting any person to engage in physical violence against any other person.
- f. engaging in violence, extortion, or any other illegal act or other violation of school policy.
- g. wearing of hats, jewelry, or any apparel with gang or gang-related symbols, which when worn tends to cause anxiety, alarm, fear, or harm to others.

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