

GANG ACTIVITY

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) believes that gang-related behaviors and dress have the potential of endangering the safety and welfare of students and school personnel and of disrupting the educational process.

A "gang" is:

- an association of three or more individuals;
- whose members collectively identify themselves by adopting a group identity which they use to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation frequently by employing one or more of the following: a common name, slogan, identifying sign, symbol, tattoo or other physical marking, style or color of clothing, hairstyle, hand sign or graffiti;
- the association's purpose, in part, is to engage in criminal activity and the association uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal objectives;
- its members engage in criminal activity, or acts of juvenile delinquency, that if committed by an adult would be crimes;
- with the intent to enhance or preserve the association's power, reputation, or economic resources.

Students who engage in behavior or adopt dress style or personal appearance suggestive of gang membership not only may endanger the welfare and safety of other students or school personnel and disrupt the educational process, but themselves may become victims of delinquent, criminal or antisocial conduct.

The Board declares that the policies including but not limited to the Student Conduct, Discipline, and Attendance Code shall be used and enforced in a manner to prevent the initiation and continuation of gangs in the Colorado Springs School District 11 schools.

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CROSS REFS.: JICA, Student Dress, Accessories and Grooming
JIC, Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance Code
JK/JK-R, Student Discipline
ADD/ADD-R, Safe and Secure Schools