

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAYVILLE

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RULES FOR ENFORCING GANG AND
GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY POLICY

A. **Examples of Specific Gang Activities That Are Prohibited:**

1. **Insignia or Identifiers.** No gang insignia or identifiers may be worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried or sold by any student on school grounds or at school-related or school-sponsored activities at any time. Gang-related insignia and identifiers include:

hats, caps, jackets, headbands, shirts or other clothing that have come to be identified with a gang;

gang-related tattoos or other material imprinted on the body which are either intended to be permanent or are easily removed; and

medallions or other jewelry which identify gang members or gang affiliation or which have come to represent a gang.

Students are not permitted to send gang signs either through their body language or in the manner in which they wear their clothing.

Students who violate the gang insignia or identifier prohibition will be subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days until such time as the offensive insignia or identifiers are either disposed of or removed.

2. **Meetings and Recruiting.** Gangs are not permitted to meet or congregate in school buildings, on school property or at school-related or school-sponsored activities at any time. Such meeting or congregation is contrary to, and disrupts and interferes with, the purpose of an education institution and will be considered trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In addition, students may not recruit students for gang membership or threaten a student for either not joining a gang or wishing to withdraw from a gang.

Students found to be engaging in gang activities and/or recruiting gang members in violation of Board policy and this rule are subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five

school days with a possible recommendation for

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expulsion. A student must return to school accompanied by a parent/guardian for a conference with the school principal.

3. **Graffiti**. Any student discovered to have been responsible for gang graffiti in school buildings or on school property is subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days with a possible recommendation for expulsion. A student must return to school accompanied by a parent/guardian for a conference with a school principal.

Any student discovered to be with another student at the time the graffiti is applied will also be subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days with a possible recommendation for expulsion. Any students suspected of applying gang graffiti will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Parents/guardians and students will be held liable for any damage and are responsible for paying any costs of having damage caused by graffiti professionally removed and/or repaired.

4. **Attacks**. Any School District of Mayville student who is involved in or participates in any gang-related attack upon the person of a Mayville student or students, Mayville school employee or Mayville school board member will be subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days with a possible recommendation for expulsion.

Students involved in a gang-related attack will be prosecuted for the attack to the fullest extent of the law.

Any threat of attack will be considered an attempt to intimidate and will result in discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days and a possible recommendation for expulsion. A student must return to school accompanied by a parent/guardian for a conference with the school principal.

5. **Weapons**. Lockers, book bags, gym bags, coats,

jackets or other containers which are brought into the school may be searched at any time by school personnel pursuant to Board policy and should the

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school personnel have a reasonable suspicion of the presence of a weapon, mace, tear gas or other chemical weapon.

Students found to have such weapon on school premises or property or at school-related or school-sponsored activities at any time or threatening to bring a weapon onto school grounds will be subject to discipline, including suspension from school for up to five school days with a possible recommendation for expulsion. A student shall be expelled from school for possessing a firearm in accordance with state law and Board policy.

B. Participation in Co-Curricular/Athletic Team Activities

Any student known to be a member of a gang will be barred from representing the school as a member of an athletic team or as a participant in extracurricular or co-curricular activities until the student proves to the satisfaction of the school principal that he/she either is no longer affiliated with a gang or is no longer a gang member.

C. School Personnel Responsibilities

1. All school district employees have a responsibility to report to their immediate supervisor any suspected gang-related activities. Furthermore, the reporting employee shall be without fear of reprisal from the District as a result of such reporting.
2. A record of all known gangs and members of such gangs will be compiled and held by school personnel. These lists will regularly be shared with law enforcement officials to the extent allowed or required by law.

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