

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board Policy Manual**

**443.8**

**GANGS AND GANG-RELATED BEHAVIOR**

The Dodgeland School District recognizes that a school must create and maintain a safe and orderly environment that supports teaching and learning. The presence of gangs, gang affiliations and gang-related activities can disrupt the learning environment, damage school property and threaten the health and safety of students and staff. A “gang” for purposes of this policy is a group of individuals with a unique name, identifiable marks or symbols who claim turf or territory, who associate on a regular basis and who engage in antisocial or criminal activity.

Gang-related behavior shall not be tolerated on school premises, including buildings, grounds and buses, or at school sponsored activities. Prohibited gang-related behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Presence of jewelry, accessories, personal property, and manner of grooming or apparel that implies membership or affiliation with a gang based on attributes such as color, arrangement, trademark, slogan or symbol.
- Use of hand signs, signals or graffiti that implies membership or affiliation with a gang.
- Possessing literature that indicates gang membership.
- Engaging in antisocial or criminal activities, including meeting or congregating to engage in such activities.
- Incidents involving initiation, hazing, intimidation and/or related activities that may cause physical or mental harm, or interfere with the attendance of a student or staff member.

The building principal shall establish procedures to ensure that students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and referred to law enforcement officers as appropriate. Parents/guardians of students violating this policy shall be informed in writing about such violations.

LEGAL REF.:       Sections   118.125   Wisconsin Statutes  
  118.127  
  120.13(1)  
  895.035  
  895.77  
  939.22(9)  
  938.396

CROSS REF.:       411.2, Student Harassment and Bullying  
  443, Student Conduct  
  443-Rule, Code of Classroom Conduct  
  443.4, Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use  
  443.5, Use of Personal Electronic Devices  
  447, Student Discipline  
  447.1, Corporal Punishment/Use of Physical Force  
  447.3, Student Suspension/Expulsion  
  720, School Safety Program  
  832, Weapons on School Premises

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