



## JICF - SECRET SOCIETIES/GANG ACTIVITY

The Board of Education is committed to keeping District schools and activities free from threat or harmful influence of any secret society or gang. Therefore, it is prohibited for students to be involved in, promote, or otherwise indicate membership in secret societies or gangs on all District property, on all District vehicles, at all District or school-sponsored activities or events, and off District property when such conduct has a reasonable connection to school.

### Definitions

For purposes of this policy, these terms have the following meanings:

- **“Gang”** means a group of three or more individuals with a common interest, bond or activity characterized by criminal or delinquent conduct, engaged in either collectively or individually.
- **“Delinquent Conduct”** means conduct of a juvenile contrary to any federal or state law, any county or municipal ordinance except traffic offenses, or any lawful order of a court.
- **“Secret Society”** means a group that possesses secret rites among its members and/or or deals with private matters known only to one or a few and kept from others. Secret society includes any secret fraternity or sorority.

District employees must not infer that a student is a member of a secret society or gang solely because of ethnic background, race, color, religion, socioeconomic status, or any other protected class under District Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity.

The superintendent or designee will maintain communication with law enforcement authorities and other community agencies to share information and provide mutual support in the District's effort to keep District schools and activities free from threat or harmful influence of any secret society or gang, as permitted by law.

School administrators shall contact parents/caregivers regarding a student's possible gang or secret society involvement, and may take disciplinary actions as needed.

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**Cross References:**

JICA - Student Dress Code

**Legal References:**

C.R.S. 19-1-103(52) (definition of “delinquent act”)

C.R.S. 19-2.5-102(21) (definition of “gang”)

C.R.S. 19-2.5-103 (a cross reference for “delinquent act” definition, incorporated into the definition used in policy)

C.R.S. 22-1-120(8) (states that the definition of “gang” to be used in the school code is the definition in section C.R.S. 19-2.5-102)

C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(2)(a)(I)(F) (policy required as part of safe schools plan)