

Students

Series 500

Policy Title Gangs

Code No. 502.11

The Marshalltown Community School District believes that the presence of gangs and gang activities may cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school and school activities. A "gang" as defined in this policy and under Iowa Code 723A means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal acts, which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of gang activity. The "pattern of gang activity" means the commission, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or solicitation of two or more criminal acts, provided the criminal acts were committed on separate dates or by two or more persons who are members of, or belong to, the same criminal street gang. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit the existence of gangs and gang activities as follows:

No student on or about school property or at any school activity:

1. Shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other thing which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang.

2. Shall commit any act or omission or use any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.), showing membership or affiliation in a gang.

3. Shall use any speech or commit any act or an omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity including, but not limited to:

- a. Soliciting others for membership in any gangs;
- b. Intimidating or threatening any person, including requesting any person to pay for protection against such intimidation or threat.
- c. Committing any illegal act or violation of school district policies;
- d. Inciting another student to act with physical violence upon any other person.

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