

Students

Series 500

Policy Title Gangs

Code No. 502.11-R

Gang membership and the demonstration of gang membership; may be shown to be a disruptive influence to the educational environment of the Marshalltown Community School District and the safety of its students/staff/guests. Gang membership, as defined in Policy Number 502.11, is a behavior that will not be tolerated as it is contrary to a safe, orderly, and respectful school community. It is the intent of the Marshalltown Community School District to provide a safe and orderly environment.

School officials are authorized to:

1. Investigate allegations of gang existence, gang membership, and/or gang activities.
2. Involve parents in early interventions with all students causing disruption.
3. Implement an escalating series of consequences for students who are determined to be associated with gang membership and/or gang behaviors that lead to a disruption to the educational environment of the Marshalltown Community School District and the safety of its students/staff/guests.
4. Coordinate existing school rules/policies with all appropriate law

enforcement officials.

Disciplinary action consequences will be imposed based on “a specific showing” that the prohibited conduct materially disrupts class work, involves, substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others, or places the safety of other students/staff/guests at risk. Consequences may include, but not be limited to: (a) parent conference; (b) counseling referral; (c) three (3) day suspension out-of-school; (d) five (5) day suspension out-of-school; (e) ten (10) day suspension out-of-school; (f) probation at any of the previous interventions; (g) recommendation to the Board of Directors for consideration of expulsion. Expulsion will be imposed only for the most serious offenses where extreme sanctions would be ineffective and as a result of a progressive discipline policy.

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