

GANGS AND GANG-RELATED BEHAVIOR

The School District of Colby will not tolerate gang-related behavior in the school, on school property, on buses, or at school-sponsored events. Gang behavior creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur. Such behavior intended to initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property is harmful to the educational process and school environment and interferes with the mission of the school district.

A "gang" is an ongoing organized association of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, who have a common name or common signs, colors or symbols, and members or associates who individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in criminal activity.

The following gang-related behaviors are prohibited in school buildings, school buses and at school-sponsored activities:

1. The presence of jewelry, accessories, manner of grooming, or apparel which implies membership, affiliation or sympathy with a gang
2. Displaying gang marking or slogans on personal property or clothing
3. Uses of gang-related hand signs or signals
4. Possessing literature that indicates gang membership
5. Antisocial or criminal activities which disrupt school or school-sponsored activities
6. Committing a crime
7. Initiations, hazing and intimidation

If the administration verifies a student's involvement in gang activities, the parent or guardian will be informed in writing as well the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Parents, employees of the school district and community members will be educated about gangs and gang related behaviors via a variety of methods including newsletters and presentations. Violation of this policy will subject students to appropriate disciplinary action which may include suspension or expulsion.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 120.13(1), 895.77(2), 939.22(9), 941.38, 943.017