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The Medford Area Public School District recognizes that the commission of antisocial acts or criminal acts by individual students or groups of students interferes with the mission of the school district.

The Medford Area Public School District Board of Education further recognizes that the presence of gangs, gang activities, and gang affiliations can cause a disruption of or interfere with school and school activities.

As a result, student antisocial or criminal activities will not be tolerated and will be reported to and monitored by school administrators.

Violation of this policy will subject students to appropriate disciplinary action which may include suspension or expulsion.

CROSS REFERENCE: JF, JFC, JFCH, JFCJ, JFCJA, JFCN-R, JFG, JFI, JGA, JGD, and JGE

LEGAL REFERENCE: §120.13(1), 121.52, 895.77(2), 941.38, & 943.017 Wis. Stats.

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Definition

A "gang" as defined by this policy is a group of three or more 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.

Students enrolled in the Medford Area Public School District shall not be involved in antisocial or criminal activities which disrupt school or school sponsored activities.

Students will refrain from "gang" activities which cause or may cause a disruption of school or school sponsored activities.

It will be the responsibility of school staff to monitor and document the existence of gang activity in the schools.

If school officials record student involvement as defined below, for monitoring purposes the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student will be informed in writing by school officials. The form letter attached to this policy will be the standard form used to inform parent(s)/guardian(s).

Criteria for Identification

The board of education lists the following criteria for identifying youths as gang members. School administrators shall monitor student behavior and use the following criteria to identify suspected gang involvement.

The criteria for identification includes students who:

1. Have gang tattoos.
2. Wear gang garb such as the color of clothing, head coverings and/or methods of grooming.
3. Display gang markings or slogans on personal property or clothing.
4. Possess literature that indicates gang membership.
5. Admit gang membership.
6. Have been arrested with known gang members.
7. Attend functions sponsored by the gang or known gang members.
8. Are suspected of gang membership based on information from reliable informants.
9. Are identified as gang members based on information from relatives.
10. Are identified as gang members by law enforcement agencies.
11. Exhibit behavior fitting police profiles of gang related drug dealing.
12. Are stopped by the police with a known gang member.
13. Loiter, ride with or meet with gang member(s).
14. Sell or distribute drugs for a known gang member.
15. Help a known gang member commit a crime.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Notification Letter

Date:

Address:

Dear (Parent(s)/Guardian(s)):

The Medford Area Public School District has joined with the Medford Police Department, Taylor County Sheriff's Department and Taylor County District Attorney's Office, and other community agencies, in an effort to encourage a school environment free from gangs and gang-related problems. Based upon this effort, it is felt important to communicate to you a concern about your child.

Based on information we have gathered relative to your child's activities we suspect that he/she has been involved in gang type activity*. We have documented the following:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of what is occurring with your child so that you can be aware of our concern(s) and help deter your child from possible criminal activity. We would like to encourage you as a parent/guardian to deliver a clear message to your child that antisocial or gang type activity will not be tolerated by you nor allowed to be part of your home environment.

It is urgent that you, as a member of our community and as a parent/guardian, do your part to help stop gangs and gang-related behavior in the Medford community. If you have any questions, want further information, or would like to schedule a meeting with me or other school staff, please call me at (715)748-_____.

Sincerely,

Building Principal

**(using a "street name", using gang language, and/or displaying graffiti; associating with known gang members; an admitted gang member; mimicking the actions and clothing of known gang members; frequenting a gang area; identified by a reliable informant as a gang member)*