

GANG ACTIVITY – PROHIBITED

POLICY STATEMENT

- A. Gang activity in the School District of New London schools or on school property is prohibited.
- B. The School District of New London defines a gang as a group or association of two or more persons who may have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name and who individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Criminal activity includes juvenile acts that if committed by an adult would be a crime.

POLICY PROCEDURE

- A. Gang criminal activity includes, but is not limited to, intimidating or threatening others, participating in and/or enticing others to participate in any form of physical violence involving persons or property.
- B. A gang member is an individual meeting of any two or more of the gang-related listed criteria:
 - 1. Self-admission of gang membership.
 - 2. Witness testimony.
 - 3. Correspondence such as notes, letters, tapes, etc., indicating gang membership.
 - 4. Paraphernalia or photographs of gang activities.
 - 5. Gang-related tattoos.
 - 6. Gang-related clothing or colors.
 - 7. Association with known gang members.
- C. Gang activity includes, but is not limited to, the display or possession of gang symbols, soliciting others for membership, requesting payment of dues, insurance, or other forms of protection from any individual, intimidating or threatening any individual, and/or inciting others to participate in any form of physical violence involving persons or property, or other criminal activity.
- D. Gang identifiers, which may change periodically, will not be allowed to be displayed by anyone at any School District of New London school at any time including after-school events or school-sponsored activities. Students may not display or wear any sign, gesture, insignia, symbol, color, combination of colors or combination of clothing, wearing apparel or accessories which have been designed as gang identifiers. Examples of gang identifiers include, but are not limited to: 5-6 point stars, arrows, pitchforks, crowns, identifying numbers or groups of names or initials.
- E. The list of identifiers may be updated at any time.
- F. Consequences:

1. Notification of parents and/or guardians and/or law enforcement officials.
2. Suspension from school pending parent/student conference with school.
3. Repeat offenders:
 - a. Five days suspension with follow-up parent/school conference.
 - b. Recommendation for expulsion.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Section 48.396(7)(b) Wisconsin Statutes
Section 895.77(2) Wisconsin Statutes
Section 939.22(9) Wisconsin Statutes
Section 943.017 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS-REFERENCE: 443.1 Student Dress