

EASTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: GANG POLICY

ADOPTED: August 22, 2005

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	249. GANG POLICY
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the importance of providing a safe learning and working environment for students, employees and visiting community members and that the presence of gang activity and deviant behavior of an individual threatens the safety of the school environment.
2. Definition	A gang shall be defined as individuals with a common interest, bond or activity whose purpose includes the commission of illegal acts, and who refer to themselves by a group name or designation. The definition of a gang shall also include what is commonly known as a “hate” group.
3. Authority	<p>It is the district’s policy to prohibit on school property or at any school activity the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying or selling of any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other thing which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang. 2. Commission of any act or omission, or the use of any speech, either verbal or nonverbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.), which shows membership in or affiliation with any gang. 3. Use of any speech, or committing any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Soliciting others for membership in any gangs. b. Requesting any person to pay for “protection” or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person. c. Committing any illegal act or violation of school district policies. d. Inciting another person to act with physical violence upon any other person.

<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Implementation</u></p> <p>Any district employee or any person with knowledge of suspected signs of activity shall report the activity to his/her administrator, school resource officer, school police or security officers. Students, parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to report any suspected gang activity.</p> <p>Administrators shall be aware that the occurrence of any of the acts described above does not necessarily constitute gang activity unless the entire definition of “gang” is met.</p> <p>Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary actions as defined in the student handbook that may include suspension and/or expulsion from the school’s educational, extracurricular or athletic programs.</p> <p>Notification of this policy shall be given to all students and employees.</p> <p>Any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols or signs shall be identified by school administrators. Administrators shall consult with police and district security to help them determine what is gang-related, such as clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols or signs.</p> <p>Administration shall report all incidents consistent with procedural guidelines to the Central Administration and School District Security Coordinator.</p>
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