

# Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

## Gang Activity or Association

Descriptor Code:

6.3101

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2 Gangs which initiate, advocate, or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of  
3 persons or property on school grounds or which disrupt the school environment are harmful to  
4 the educational process. The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry,  
5 accessory, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol,  
6 or any other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group,  
7 presents a clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational  
8 objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations  
9 may occur.

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11 Incidents involving initiations, hazing, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group  
12 affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or  
13 disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

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15 The director of schools will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student  
16 wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia,<sup>1</sup> or exhibiting behavior or gestures which  
17 symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or practicing in activities which intimidate or affect  
18 the attendance of another student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

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20 The administration will provide service training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate  
21 staff identification of students at-risk and promote membership in authorized school groups  
22 and/or activities as an alternative.

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Legal Reference

<sup>1</sup> TCA 49-6-4215

Cross References:

6.310 Dress Code  
6.313 Discipline Procedures  
6.316 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand