

Amity School District 4J

Code: **JFCEA**
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Secret Societies - Gangs

The Board has determined that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities. "Gang" means a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance or language, including hand signs, the claiming of geographical territory or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of gangs and gang activities.

Incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations, or related activities such as group affiliations which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

The superintendent will establish administrative regulations relating to prohibited behaviors and activities including the identification strategies to reduce gang involvement, violent activities and drug abuse on attendance and educational achievement by students of the District. The District will provide inservice training in gang behavior and characteristics to facilitate staff identification of students at-risk and to promote membership in authorized school groups or activities as an alternative.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.109](#)

[ORS 339.240 - 339.280](#)

[ORS 339.885](#)

[ORS 659.850](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

Olesen v. Board of Education of School District No. 228, 676 F. Supp. 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987).

Neuhaus v. Federico, 12 Or. App. 314, 319, 505 P.2d 939 (1973).

Burkitt, et al v. School District No. 1, 195 Or. 471, 246 P.2d 566 (1952).

Tinker v. Des Moines Community School District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969).