

SECRET ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Education prohibits the organization of school-sponsored fraternities, sororities or secret organizations wherein membership is determined by members themselves rather than on the basis of free choice. The Board considers those organizations or memberships in those organizations detrimental to the good conduct and discipline of the school. Interference with the instructional program of the Nixa R-II School District by those groups will not be condoned, and no organizational activities are permitted under the sponsorship of the school district or its personnel.

Gangs

A “gang” means any ongoing organization, association or group of three (3) or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal acts, which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or whose members engage in a pattern of criminal activity. The “pattern of gang activity” means the commission, attempt to commit, conspiring to commit, or solicitation of two (2) or more criminal acts, provided the criminal acts were committed on separate dates or by two (2) or more persons who are members of or belong to, the same criminal gang.

No student on or about school property or at any school activity

- ▶ Shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign or other thing which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang.
- ▶ Shall commit any act or omission or use any speech, either verbal or non-verbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.) showing membership in or affiliation in a gang.
- ▶ Shall use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Soliciting others for membership in any gang;
 - 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;

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- d. Inciting another person to act with physical violence upon any other person.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Legal Refs: § 171.141, RSMo.

Nixa R-II School District, Nixa, Missouri