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STUDENT GANG ACTIVITY OR ASSOCIATION

In keeping with the St. James-Assiniboia School Division's goal to provide a safe, secure and caring learning environment, student gang activity or association will not be tolerated in the Division.

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

The type of dress, apparel, activities, acts, behavior or manner of grooming displayed, reflected or participated in by the student shall not:

- a. Lead school officials to reasonably believe that such behavior, apparel, activities, acts or other attributes are gang related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
- b. Present a physical safety hazard to self, students, staff, and other employees;
- c. Create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence; or
- d. Imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawing, painting, design, emblem upon any school or personal property or on one's person.

Incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations, and or related activities of such 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.

Any student wearing, carrying or displaying gang paraphernalia, or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be subject to disciplinary action.

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