

Caldwell School District recognizes that gangs and gang activities are detrimental to the educational process in our schools. All gangs and gang activities, including, but not limited to, wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, gestures, codes, or other things which evidence membership or affiliation in any gang is prohibited and will not be tolerated in any of the public schools in this district and at all school functions.

It will be unlawful for any person, group or organization to establish a fraternity, sorority or other secret society whose membership is comprised in whole or in part of students enrolled in this district's public schools, or to solicit a student in any of this district's schools to become a member of such organization; and no student enrolled in this school district will be or become a member, or pledge him/herself to become a member of any such organization.

GUIDELINES:

1. This policy will be addressed in all school handbooks. At the beginning of the school year, the policy will be discussed with the student body.
2. Disciplinary action for violation of this policy is as follows:
 - A. First offense – Student given detention. Parents will be notified of the infraction of this policy by school administration. Parent meeting will be documented.
 - B. Second offense – Student and parent appear before a Board of Review.
 - C. Third offense – Student and parent appear before the Board of Trustees for an expulsion hearing.
 - D. The student may go directly to a Board of Review or an expulsion hearing if the principal deems the incident is so severe as to warrant these actions immediately.
3. Administrators will seek ongoing assistance from the Caldwell Police Department and the Canyon County Sheriff's Department in gang activity identification and the names and numbers of local gangs.
4. For the protection of the student and to avoid disruption in the educational process, a student demonstrating evidence of gang activity will be required to not display this type of evidence (see above), e.g., required to change clothing, cover tattoos with band-aides or make-up, fill in eyebrow shaved slashes with make-up.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

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33-1902

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