

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

STUDENTS

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES STUDENT CONDUCT BEHAVIOR

GANG RELATED ACTIVITY

443.8

Associations/organizations which initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well being of persons or property on school premises, buses, or behavior which disrupts the school environment are harmful to the education 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 indicated or implies membership or affiliation with such a group is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur.

Associations/organizations which involve initiations, hazings, intimidations, and/or related activities of such group affiliations or any such activities in general which could potentially cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students are prohibited.

The district administrator will establish procedures and regulations to ensure that any student wearing, carrying, or displaying association paraphernalia or exhibiting behavior or gestures which symbolize association membership, or causing and/or participating in activities which intimidate or affect the attendance of another student will be subject to disciplinary action.

The district administrator or the district administrator's designee will develop training programs in association behavior and characteristics that will help facilitate staff identification of these students and promote membership in authorized school groups and/or activities as an alternative.

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