



**Chico Unified School District**

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**Board Policy:**

**#5136**

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**GANGS**

The Governing Board desires to keep district schools free from the threats or harmful influence of any groups who exhibit behavior disruptive to the school environment and/or the safety and well-being of students.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3513.4 - Drug and Alcohol Free Schools)*  
*(cf. 5131.4 - Student Disturbances)*  
*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*  
*(cf. 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)*  
*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)*

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school rules of conduct and any school dress code prohibiting gang-related apparel are enforced consistently. If a student exhibits signs of gang affiliation, staff shall so inform the principal or designee and the student's parent/guardian.

*(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)*

The Superintendent or designee may provide in-service training to help staff identify gangs and gang symbols, recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond appropriately to gang behavior. Staff shall be informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to intervention measures and community resources. The Superintendent or designee may also provide staff development on social and emotional learning, classroom management, interactive teaching, and cooperative learning skills.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*  
*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

The Superintendent or designee may consider gang activity prevention and intervention when developing programs outside of the school day.

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*  
*(cf. 5148.2 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*  
*(cf. 5148.3 - Before/After School Programs)*  
*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*  
*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

The Superintendent or designee is encouraged to collaborate with child welfare services, mental health agencies, social services, and local law enforcement authorities in the prevention and intervention of gang activity.

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*

**Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**  
32282 School safety plans  
35183 Gang-related apparel  
48907 Student exercise of free expression  
48950 Student freedom of speech  
51264 Educational in-service training; CDE guidelines

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51265 *Gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse prevention in-service training*  
51266-51266.5 *Model gang and substance abuse prevention curriculum*  
PENAL CODE  
186.22 *Participation in criminal street gang*  
13826-13826.7 *Gang violence suppression*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
7101-7122 *Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants*

*Management Resources:*

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS

*Why Young People Join Gangs*

NATIONAL GANG CENTER PUBLICATIONS

*Strategic Planning Tool*

*Gangs in Schools, March 2019*

*Parents' Guide to Gangs, July 2015*

WEB SITES

*California Cities Gang Prevention Network: <http://www.ccgpn.org>*

*California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/sa>*

*Gang Resistance Education and Training: <http://www.great-online.org/GREAT-Home>*

*Los Angeles Police Department, Gangs: [http://www.lapdonline.org/get\\_informed/content\\_basic\\_view/1396](http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed/content_basic_view/1396)*

*Homeboy Industries: <http://homeboyindustries.org>*

*National Gang Center: <http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov>*