

5.8 GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

I. PURPOSE Pursuant to §53E-3-509, Vanguard Academy will enact Gang Prevention and Intervention strategies to assist students in completing their education and becoming contributing members of society. Gang Prevention and Intervention are specifically designed strategies and services to assist at-risk students to stay in school and enhance their cultural and social competence, self-management skills, citizenship, academic achievement, literacy, and interpersonal relationship skills required for school completion and full participation in society (Utah Administrative Code R277-436-1).

II. PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

A. School personnel shall be trained to recognize early warning signs of gang involvement and report suspected gang activities, relating to the school and its students, to a school administrator or law enforcement. The following signs and/or activities should be reported (including but not limited to):

1. advocating or promoting a gang or any gang-related activities;
2. marking school property, books or school work with gang names, slogans, or signs;
3. conducting gang initiations;
4. threatening another person with bodily injury or inflicting bodily injury on another in connection with a gang or gang-related activity;
5. aiding or abetting gang activity by a person's presence or support;
6. displaying or wearing common gang apparel, or identifying signs or symbols on one's clothing, person, or personal property that is disruptive to the school environment; and communicating in any method, including verbal, non-verbal, and electronic means, designed to convey gang membership or affiliation. The aforementioned signs/and or activities may constitute grounds for a Safe Schools Violation.

School administration shall work in conjunction with the Student Services Department to implement prevention and intervention strategies for students.

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