

Gangs

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is for the Career Academy of Utah (the "School") to comply with the requirements of Utah Administrative Code R277-436 and Utah Code §53A-15-603. The school's personnel undergo annual training designed to recognize early warning signs for youth in trouble. Students will not be permitted to commit any act that furthers gangs or gang-related activities.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, "gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, which has a unique name or identifiable signs, symbols, or marks, and whose members individually or collectively engage in illegal or violent behavior to persons or property, or who creates an unreasonable and substantial disruption or risk of disruption of a class, activity, program, or other function of a school.

Policy

Gang Activity and Apparel Prohibited Students who engage in any form of gang activity on or about School property or at any School-sponsored activity may be suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy. For this policy, "gang activities" include but are not limited to any of the following:

- [a] Wearing, possessing, using, distributing, displaying, or selling any clothing, jewelry, apparel, emblems, badges, tattoos or manner of grooming, accessories, symbols, signs, or other things which is evidence of membership in or affiliation with any gang;
- [b] Committing any act or omission or using any speech, either verbal or nonverbal, (flashing signs, gestures, handshakes, etc.) that demonstrates membership in or affiliation with a gang;
- [c] Soliciting others for membership in a gang;
- [d] Requesting any person to pay for "protection," claiming "turf," or otherwise intimidating, bullying, retaliating against, threatening, abusing, or harassing any person;
- [e] Possessing a weapon, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, or other contraband;
- [f] Committing any illegal act; or
- [g] Encouraging or inciting another person to act with physical violence upon any other person or cause property damage.

Confiscation of Gang Items

Subject to the search and seizure provisions of this policy, gang paraphernalia, apparel, or weapons may be confiscated by School officials at any time.

Consultation with Law Enforcement Authorities

Consultation with Law Enforcement Authorities School officials shall consult with local law enforcement authorities and gang detectives whenever they have questions regarding gang-related clothing, apparel, or other gang activity.