

Provo City School District
Policy Series 3000: Students



3350 P1

Gang Affiliation/Activity

Gang affiliation and/or activity has the potential of creating an unsafe school atmosphere or a disruption of school operations.

Gang symbols and language are prohibited, and students using them shall be subject to suspension. Symbols of gang affiliation include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hand signals;
- Wearing or displaying certain apparel, jewelry or accessories;
- Gang affiliated tattoos or body markings; and/or
- Grooming known to be gang-related

Students shall not imply gang membership or affiliation by written or oral communication, marks, drawings, paintings, design or emblems upon any school, personal property, or one's person. Students who engage in such displays shall be subject to corrective action including suspension and/or other restrictions.

Students assisting in, promoting, or placing graffiti on school property shall be subject to suspension and restitution.

The school district further prohibits activities that promote recruiting, initiation, hazing, intimidation, assaulting, and/or activities related to gang affiliation. Students who sponsor, attend, or participate in such activities shall be subject to discipline.

Multiple offenses of Policy 3350 or this procedure may result in long-term suspension or expulsion.

An initial serious offense of Policy 3350 or this procedure may result in discipline including and up to long-term suspension or expulsion.

All gang affiliation or gang-type incidents shall be subject to corrective action and be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Provo City School District staff and personnel will be trained to recognize early warning signs for youth with affiliations to gangs and will report suspected gang activity to school administration and law enforcement. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified when their student is suspected to be involved with gang related activity.

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