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STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Gangs and Gang-Related Activities

The presence of or student involvement in gangs or gang-related activities on school grounds, while school is in session or at school-related events, including the display of gang symbols or paraphernalia, is strictly prohibited. Any student who violates this policy may be subject to suspension or expulsion in accordance with the Regional Office of Education’s student discipline policy.

As used herein, the term “gang” shall mean any organization, club, or group composed wholly or in part of students, which seeks to perpetuate itself by accepting additional members from students enrolled in the ROE program, and which is assembled for the common purpose or design of 1) committing or conspiring to commit criminal offenses, or 2) engaging in conduct that is inimical to the public good, or 3) engaging in conduct that interferes with or disrupts the ROE’s educational process or programs.

As used herein, the phrase “gang-related activity” shall mean any conduct engaged in by a student 1) on behalf of any gang, 2) to perpetuate the existence of any gang, or 3) to effect the common purpose and design of any gang, including without limitation recruiting students for membership in any gang, threatening or intimidating other students or employees to commit acts or omissions against hi/her will in furtherance of the common purpose and design of any gang.

LEG. REF.: Ill. Rev. Stat., ch. 38, para. 12-6.1.

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