

4.7 -- STUDENT DISCIPLINE -- GANGS AND GANG ACTIVITY – Act 1108 of 1997

Gangs, secret societies, or other similar groups, whether organized in the community or in other settings, are prohibited on the school grounds and campus and at any school-sponsored activity. Gang-related activity -- whether genuine or a pretense -- that is identified by school officials will result in a minimum (5) day out-of-school suspension up to a maximum of expulsion for the remainder of the semester. A second offense of gang-related activity will result in a recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the semester, the remainder of the school year, for one calendar year, or permanently.

Students who are arrested for gang-related offenses, regardless of where the offense may have occurred, may be expelled for the remainder of the semester, for the remainder of the school year, for one calendar year, or permanently, depending on the circumstances of the arrest. Gang-related activities include but are not limited to such activities as wearing apparel associated with gangs, displaying gang insignia, “throwing signs” or other gestures or language (however expressed) associated with gangs, intimidation, and threats.

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