

# ~~MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS~~

## ~~Board Policy~~

**BP 5137**

### ~~STUDENTS~~

#### ~~Gang Symbols~~

~~The Board of Education believes that gang activity is dangerous and inimical to the health and safety of the students in the District. The Board desires to take appropriate action to keep District schools and students free from the threats or harmful influence of gangs or other groups which advocate drug use or disruptive behavior.~~

~~The Board of Education believes that the health and safety of students is in jeopardy when students wear or carry any clothing or symbol that denotes membership in such a group. The Board further believes that students wearing or carrying any clothing or symbol that denotes membership in such a group has a detrimental effect on the academic atmosphere of the schools in that students are led to believe that drug use and/or disruptive behavior are condoned. Further, the wearing or carrying of any such clothing or symbol can disrupt the educational process or create a clear and present danger of such disruption.~~

~~Therefore, the wearing or carrying of any clothing or symbol that denotes gang activity is prohibited on school grounds and at school activities, both on and off campus.~~

~~Prohibited items of clothing or symbols include, but are not limited to, any item of clothing, jewelry, accessory, notebook or symbol which, by the nature of its color, design, arrangement, representation, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang or any other group which advocates drug use or disruptive behavior.~~

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