

Gang Prevention and Intervention

Purpose:

Bonneville Academy will institute gang prevention strategies and provide intervention in the event of an occurrence.

Policy:

- a) school faculty and personnel shall report suspected gang activities relating to the school and its students to a school administrator and law enforcement;
- (b) a student who participates in gang activities may be excluded from participation in extracurricular activities, as determined by the school administration after consultation with law enforcement;
- (c) gang-related graffiti or damage to school property shall result in parent notification and appropriate administrative and law enforcement actions, which may include obtaining restitution from those responsible for the damage;
- (d) if a serious gang-related incident, as determined by the school administrator in consultation with local law enforcement, occurs on school property, at school related activities, or on a site that is normally considered to be under school control, notification shall be provided to parents of students in the school:
 - (i) informing them, in general terms, about the incident, but removing all personally identifiable information about students from the notice;
 - (ii) emphasizing the school's concern for safety; and
 - (iii) outlining the action taken at the school regarding the incident;
- (e) school faculty and personnel shall be trained by experienced **evidence based** trainers that may include community gang specialists and law enforcement as part of comprehensive strategies to recognize early warning signs for youth in trouble and help students resist serious involvement in undesirable activity, including joining gangs or mimicking gang behavior;
- (f) prohibitions on the following behavior:
 - (i) advocating or promoting a gang or any gang-related activities;
 - (ii) marking school property, books, or school work with gang names, slogans, or signs;
 - (iii) conducting gang initiations;
 - (iv) threatening another person with bodily injury or inflicting bodily injury on another in connection with a gang or gang-related activity;
 - (v) aiding or abetting an activity described by a person's presence or support;
 - (vi) displaying or wearing common gang apparel, common dress, or identifying signs or symbols on one's clothing, person, or personal property that is disruptive to the school environment; and
 - (vii) communicating in any method, including verbal, non-verbal, and electronic means, designed to convey gang membership or affiliation.

The Bonneville Academy governing board will publicize this policy enacted by the Bonneville Academy governing board in accordance with the rules to all students, parents, and faculty through school websites, handbooks, letters to parents, or other reasonable means of communication.