

# Banks School District No. 13

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## SECRET SOCIETIES – GANGS

The Banks School District Board feels that the presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption of or material interferences with school and school activities. A “gang” is defined as a group that identifies itself through the use of a name, unique appearance, or language including hand signs, claiming of geographical territory, or the espousing of a distinctive belief system that frequently results in criminal activity. Secret societies of every kind and character are unlawful in Oregon. By this policy, the Board acts to prohibit existence of gangs and gang activities as follows:

No Student on or about school property or at any school activity shall:

1. Wear, possess, use, distribute or sell any clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbol, sign, or other things which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang;
2. Commit any act or omission, or use any speech, either verbal or non-verbal (gestures, handshakes, etc.) showing membership or affiliation in a gang;
3. Use any speech or commit any act or omission in furtherance of the interests of any gang or gang activity, including, but not limited to:
  - a) Soliciting others for membership in any gangs;
  - b) Requesting any person to pay protection or otherwise intimidating or threatening any person;
  - c) Committing any other illegal act or other violation of school district policies;
  - d) Inciting other students to act with physical violence upon any other person.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference:

ORS 336.109  
ORS 339.240 – 330.280

ORS 339.885  
ORS 639.850

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Olesen v. Board of Education of School District No. 228, 676 F. Supp 820 (N.D. Ill. 1987).  
Neuhaus v. Federico, 12 Or App. 314 (1973)  
Burkitt et al v. School District No. 1, 195 Or. 471(1952)  
Tinker v. Des Moines Community School District, 393 U.S. 503 (1969)