Section 8000 – Students

8245 Gangs or "Gang-Like Activity"

8245

The Board desires to keep District schools and students free from threats or

harmful influence of any groups or gangs, which advocate drug use, violence, disruptive

or criminal behavior. The Superintendent shall maintain continual, visible supervision of

District premises to deter gang intimidation of students and confrontations between

members of different gangs.

The Superintendent shall:

Establish open lines of communication with local law enforcement authorities

so as to share information and provide mutual support in this effort,

Provide in-service training to help staff identify gangs and gang symbols,

recognize early manifestations of disruptive activities, and respond

appropriately to gang or gang-like behavior, and

Keep the staff informed about conflict management techniques and alerted to

intervention measures and community resources, which helps students.

The Board prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook or

manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other

attribute, denotes membership in gangs, which advocate drug use, violence, disruptive or

criminal behavior.

Approved:

June 29, 2009

LEGAL REF: State-wide School Safety Information Policy

Grand Rapids Public Schools