

SERIES 400 – STUDENTS

Student Rights and Responsibilities – 440

Gang-Related Behavior (443.8)

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District recognizes that a school must create and maintain a safe and orderly environment in which learning can take place. The presence of gangs, gang affiliations, and gang-related activities within the school disrupts the learning environment by threatening the safety of students, staff and parents in the school building and causing disruption with the academic process. In order to provide a safe environment for all students and staff, the following actions are prohibited on school grounds:

- 1) Display of gang related graffiti.
- 2) Sending gang signs through body language.
- 3) Wearing hats, caps, jackets, bandanas, shirts or other clothing that has come to be identified with a gang.
- 4) Wearing medallions or other jewelry which identify gang members or gang affiliation.
- 5) Meeting or congregating on school premises or at school-related activities at any time.

Immediate and appropriate school disciplinary and law enforcement action will be taken against any student participating in the prohibited activities listed above.

Legal Reference: Section 120.13(1), 895.77(2), 941.38, 943.017 Wisconsin Statutes

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