



# RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Youth Gangs

The River Valley 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 a school disrupts that learning environment by threatening the safety of students, staff, and parents in the school building and causing a disruption to and interference with the academic process. In order to provide a safe environment for all students and staff, the display of street gang-related graffiti or identification, and participation in related street gang activities are prohibited from River Valley school buildings, grounds and activities.

No gang insignia may be worn, possessed, used, distributed, displayed, carried or sold by any student on school grounds or at school-related activities at any time. This includes:

- a. Hats, caps, jackets, headbands, shirts, or other clothing that have come to be identified with a gang.
- b. Medallions, or other jewelry which identify members or gang affiliation or which have come to represent a gang.

Students are not permitted to send gang signs either through their body language or in the manner in which they wear their clothing.

Gangs are not permitted to meet or congregate on school premises or at school-related activities at any time. Such meeting or congregation is contrary to, disrupts and interferes with the purpose of an educational institution and will be considered trespassing. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

LEGAL REF.: Section 65 48.396(7)(b) Wis. Statutes

CROSS REF.: Policy #443.6 - Electronic Communication Devices

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