

Guilford County Board of Education
Board Policy

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The Guilford County Board of Education seeks to maintain an educational environment that is safe and secure and that fosters an attitude of respect for all persons and their personal and property rights. The Board believes that gangs and other organizations that encourage or foster delinquent behavior are harmful to students, schools and the community. The district recognizes that gang activity that begins in the community often enters into the school environment, undermining educational and safety goals of the system and bringing disorder, disrespect and disruption to the learning environment. Therefore, all activities associated with gangs and other organizations that engage in unlawful or delinquent behavior are prohibited within the Guilford County Schools.

In addition to prohibiting gang activity in the schools, the Board of Education seeks to support students, schools and the community by providing gang prevention and intervention services. The district shall create and implement a comprehensive district-wide gang prevention and intervention program designed to address the needs of students involved in gangs, student at-risk for gang involvement and schools and neighborhoods with high levels of gang activity.

The Superintendent is directed to create and appoint a Project Team to develop a Gang Prevention and Intervention Plan. The Plan shall be reviewed at least annually by the Board prior to the Budget finalization in order to determine the budget implications of any new recommendations or adjustments to the Plan. The Gang Prevention and Intervention Plan shall be a part of the Safe Schools Plan.