

# **Gang Prevention and Intervention Policy**

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Inherent in the Rockwell's philosophy is the promotion of positive group dynamics, a powerful force in creating a safe, supportive school environment that contributes to students' academic and social success. Destructive group behavior has no place at Rockwell and will not be tolerated. Consequently, Rockwell has the following policy and procedural guidelines in place for preventing gang-related activity:

1. According to state law, a "gang" is defined as a group of three or more people who form an allegiance and engage in a range of anti-social behaviors that may include violent or unlawful activity or both. These groups may have a name, turf, colors, symbols, or distinct dress, or any combination of the preceding characteristics.
2. School personnel will be trained to recognize risk factors and early warning signs of at-risk students. School counselors and/or the school psychologist will work with parents and administration to determine any necessary intervention measures.
3. Suspected gang activity must be reported to administration.
4. Gang affiliation and activity, in any form and by any person, is prohibited at Rockwell. Any use of gang names, slogans, signs or paraphernalia at school, or at school -related activities, is strictly prohibited. Gang members are barred from school-related activities.
5. Gang-related activity is subject to disciplinary procedures. An administrator will notify a parent or guardian if a student is involved in suspected gang-related activity.
6. Rockwell will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in the reporting and investigation of any suspected gang activity.