

# **POLICY JICF**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Responsible Office:** Chief Academic Officer

### **Violent, Gang, and/or Gang-like Activities**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The Board of Education is committed to preventing violent, gang, and/or gang-like activities in schools and at school-sponsored functions. This policy will clearly communicate to students, staff and parents unacceptable violent, gang and gang-like behaviors and the consequences for this behavior.

#### **II. POSITION**

- A. The Board of Education recognizes that the presence of any violent, gang, and/or gang-like activities can cause a substantial disruption of or interference with the school educational process and/or activities. In addition, the Board of Education recognizes that the primary focus in providing gang and potential violence intervention is involving parents and the community in developing a proactive approach designed to offer assistance to students and families in dealing with the problems of a changing society.
- B. The Board of Education forbids the possession, care, use or distribution of all weapons by students or unauthorized persons in or around a school location or school zone as defined by LCPS guidelines. This policy is enacted to implement the requirements of the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, 33 U.S.C., Section 3351(a)(1), and Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C., Sections 921-924, and it is the intention of the Board of Education that LCPS conform to provisions of those referenced laws.
- C. The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this Policy and it should contain the following elements:
  - 1. The regulation shall contain a list of clothing, jewelry and other items and signals, visual or verbal, that are not allowed to be worn, made audible or displayed by students related to enforcement of this Policy.
  - 2. Students and parents must be informed of this list and where it may be referenced in handbooks and/or on the School District's and school

websites which will be updated as necessary at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

**III. REVIEW AND REPORTING**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



12.14.10

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*Approved, President - Board of Education*

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*Legal Reference: 6.11.2.9 NMAC; 33 U.S.C., Section 3351(a)(1); 18 U.S.C., Sections 921-924*

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