GANG INVOLVEMENT — Gang-related involvement shall not be tolerated.  Examples include, but are not limited to:

1.  Conduct related to gang names, emblems, colors, insignia, or any other gang-related identification shall not be written on books, bookcovers, folders, or displayed in any fashion, writing gang graffiti, flashing gang signs, possessing gang paraphernalia or engaging in any gang-related activity or being in possession of any gang-related matter.  Membership, participation, or solicitation of membership in any secret society or gang shall be prohibited.

2.  Clothing or accessories bearing words or symbols, color combinations, or any other recognized or suspicious gang insignia, articles of clothing or uniforms shall, when recognized by a school official, be prohibited.

3.  Any organization or group, composed wholly or in part of students, which seeks to perpetuate itself by taking in additional members from the students enrolled in school on the basis of the decision of its membership rather than on the free choice of a student in the school who is qualified by the rules of the school to fill special aims of the organization or group.

A student under suspicion or having violated the gang policy shall be taken to the office of the school administrator and advised of the charges against him or her.  The student shall be given an opportunity to offer an explanation or defend himself or herself.  After listening to the student, the administrator shall determine if the evidence merits following through with disciplinary and counseling procedures.

If the administrator determines that there has been a violation of District policy, the administrator shall contact the student's parent or legal guardian and inform him or her of what has happened.  The parent or legal guardian shall be required to come to the school for a conference.  The administrator shall give the parent or legal guardian a letter during the first conference explaining school procedures for violation of the District's gang policy.  If the parent or legal guardian cannot be contacted by phone, the administrator shall send a letter to the residence offering an explanation of the infraction and consequences and requesting the parent or legal guardian to call for a conference.  Where appropriate or required by law, the administrator shall notify local law enforcement concerning the gang activity.

REQUIRED COUNSELING — First offenders who have been caught engaging in any gang-related activity described above or determined to be gang-related that is not herein described shall be required to attend a counseling

program.  The offender and his or her parent or legal guardian shall be required to attend the counseling sessions in a designated courtroom located in the Wichita County Courthouse two hours, two nights for one month.  The offender and his or her parent or legal guardian shall be required to sign an agreement to attend the counseling program.

If the parent or legal guardian and the student refuse to sign the agreement to attend the gang counseling program, the student shall be suspended from school for three days.  During the three-day suspension, the student shall be required to seek out acceptable third-party counseling.  Private involvement in the acceptable third-party counseling must be documented and delivered to the administrator.

If the parent or legal guardian and the student agree to sign the agreement and attend the gang counseling program, the student shall be reinstated at his or her home campus.

Any student violating the District gang policy for a second time shall be assigned to the short-term student adjustment center.  The administrator shall notify local law enforcement concerning the gang activity, where appropriate or required by law, and involvement in another gang counseling program shall be required.