

CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY

Prohibited Conduct

MSD Wayne prohibits criminal organization activity *and similar destructive or illegal group behavior* on school property, or school buses, or at school-sponsored functions.

The District prohibits reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report criminal organization activity *and similar destructive or illegal group behavior* or who are victims, witnesses, bystanders, or others with reliable information about criminal organization activity *and similar destructive or illegal group behavior*.

Definitions

“Criminal Organization”: a formal or informal group with at least three members that specifically either:

- (1) promotes, sponsors, or assists in; or participates in;
- (2) requires as a condition of membership or continued membership; or
- (3) has as one of its goals;

the commission of a felony or an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult or the offense of battery (IC 35-42-2-1).

“Criminal Organization activity”: a student who knowingly or intentionally actively participates in a criminal organization, or a student who knowingly or intentionally solicits, recruits, entices, or intimidates another individual to join a criminal organization.

Procedures for Reporting and Investigating

District employees are required by law to report any incidence of suspected criminal organization activity criminal organization intimidation, or criminal organization recruitment to the principal and school safety specialist.

The principal or designee shall conduct a thorough and complete investigation for each report of suspected organization activity.

Each school within the District shall record the number of investigations disposed of internally and the number of cases referred to local law enforcement, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, and gender. Each school shall report this information to the Superintendent or his or her

designee, who shall submit a written report to the Indiana Department of Education by June 1 of each year.

Consequences

A confirmed incident of criminal organization activity is a violation of the school's code of conduct. The principal or the principal's designee shall respond to criminal organization activity, according to the parameters described in the District's code of student conduct and policy.

Intervention Services

The principal may provide intervention or relevant support services to a student involved in, or suspected of being involved in criminal organization activity. The following types of services, including family support services, are available: counseling, establishing training programs to reduce criminal organization activity and enhance school climate, enlist parent cooperation and involvement, community and faith-based organizations and civic groups, after-school programs developed in collaboration with other stakeholders, school sanctioned/facilitated extra-curricular activities, or other appropriate action.

Criminal Organization Prevention and Education

The District shall establish an evidence-based educational criminal organization awareness program for students, school employees, and parents. The District shall implement school employee development program to provide training to school employees in the implementation of its criminal organization policy.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall ensure that notice of this policy appears in the student handbooks and on the District's website.

[I.C. § 20-19-3-12](#)

[I.C. § 20-26-18](#)

[I.C. § 20-33-9-10.5](#)

[I.C. § 35-45-9-1](#)

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