



Gang Prevention and Intervention Policy

I. Board Policy

The Summit Academy Board of Trustees has established general guidelines to prevent and intervene regarding gang activity. This policy is enacted per **Utah Code 53A-15-603**.

II. Guidelines:

School faculty and personnel shall report suspected gang activities relating to the school and its students to a school administrator and law enforcement.

A student who participates in gang activities may be excluded from participation in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, as determined by the school administration after consultation with law enforcement.

Gang-related graffiti or damage to school property shall result in parent or guardian notification and appropriate administrative and law enforcement actions, which may include obtaining restitution from those responsible for the damage.

If a serious gang-related incident, as determined by the school administrator in consultation with local law enforcement, occurs on school property, at school related activities, or on a site that is normally considered to be under school control, notification shall be provided to parents and guardians of students in the school.

Any consultation with local law enforcement, occurs on school property, at school related activities, or on a site that is normally considered to be under school control, notification shall be provided to parents and guardians of students in the school :informing them, in general terms, about the incident, but removing all personally identifiable information about students from the notice; explaining the school's concern for safety; and outlining the action taken at the school regarding the incident.

School faculty and personnel shall be trained by experienced evidence-based trainers that may include community gang specialists and law enforcement as part of comprehensive strategies to recognize early warning signs for youth in trouble and help students resist serious involvement in undesirable activity, including joining gangs and mimicking gang behavior.

Prohibitions on the following behavior:

- a. Advocating or promoting a gang or any gang-related activities;
- b. Marking school property, books, or school work with gangs names, slogans, or signs;
- c. Conducting gang initiations;
- d. Threatening another person with bodily injury or inflicting bodily injury on another in connection with a gang or gang-related activity;



- e. Aiding or abetting an activity described under Subsections of **53-A-15-603**.
- f. Displaying or wearing common gang apparel, common dress, or identifying signs or symbols on one's clothing, person, or personal property that is disruptive to the school environment; and
- g. Communicating in any method, including verbal, non-verbal, and electronic means, designed to convey gang membership or affiliation.

A dispute regarding the dissemination of information shall be decided in favor of a student's rights to privacy, except in the event of apparent imminent danger to persons or property.

Students found participating in gang or gang-related behavior may be disciplined by the administration up to and including expulsion.