

<b>Section J:</b>  <b>Students</b>	<b>Knox County Board of Education</b>		
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Knox County Schools prohibit the activities of criminal gangs on school property. Students, grades six through twelve (6-12), are prohibited from:

- (1) Wearing, while on school property, any type of clothing, apparel or accessory, including that which denotes such students' membership in or affiliation with any criminal gang;
- (2) Any activity that encourages participation in a criminal gang or facilitates illegal acts of a criminal gang; and
- (3) Any conduct that is seriously disruptive to the educational process or endangers persons or property.

Knox County Schools, in consultation with local law enforcement, shall annually evaluate the threat to and influence on school children by gangs in the community. If KCS finds that there is a substantial threat or influence on school children by gangs, then KCS shall institute gang awareness education for elementary and middle school students and their parents in schools or neighborhoods with gang activity or the potential for gang activity.

Legal References:

- 1. T.C.A. § 49-6-4215.
- 2. T.C.A. § 49-1-214.

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