

**Policy to Address Gangs, Gang Activity,
and Similar Destructive or Illegal Group Behavior**

I. Board Philosophy:

It is the policy of Talbot County Public Schools to prohibit gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior on school property or school buses or at school-sponsored functions.

It is the policy of Talbot County Public Schools to prohibit reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior or who are victims, witnesses, bystanders, or others with reliable information about an act of gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior.

The Board directs the superintendent to develop regulations to ensure that:

- A. Procedures for reporting suspected gang activity or similar destructive or illegal group behavior are established and implemented by the principal/designee.
- B. Procedures for prompt investigation of suspected gang activity or similar destructive or illegal group behavior are established and implemented by the principal/designee.
- C. Information about types of services, including family support services, for a student suspected of participating in gang activity are communicated to those students involved and their parent/guardian by the principal/designee.
- D. Standard consequences and remedial actions for individuals engaged in gang activity or similar destructive or illegal group behavior or for individuals found to have made false accusations are established and implemented by the principal/designee.
- E. Recommendations concerning the mandated gang prevention and intervention services and programs for students that maximize community participation and the use of federal funding are made available to all stakeholders.