

## **DO**

1. Treat Gang Involved Students with the same Respect and Value shown to Other Students.
2. Have High Expectations for Academic Achievement.
3. Expect Gang Involved Students to Submit Assignments.
4. Provide more Cooperative and Hands-On Learning Experiences.
5. Actively Involve Gang Members in the Learning Process.
6. Only Talk to Individual Students about Gang Involvement.
7. Enlist Gang Involved Students to Work with Other Students on School Projects and Other Extra Curriculum Activities.
8. Do Set Definite Rules and Consequences. Suspend, File Charges, Etc., if Needed. Gang Kids Respect and Expect Discipline and Structure.
9. Enforce All Rules with respect.
10. Be Consistent with Consequences for ALL Students.
11. Keep Current on Words or Activities that are Gang Related: Dress, Rap Music, Hair Nets, Etc.
12. Know Students by Street Names or Nicknames.
13. Give Gang Members Responsibility that Enhances Their Positive Self-Esteem: Tutors, Helpers,
14. Show Concern and Empathy for Gang Involved Youth.
15. Be Open and Honest. Promote Informal Communication with Gang Involved Youth.

## **DON'T**

1. Do Not Humiliate or Embarrass Gang Involved Students (especially in front of peers)
2. Do Not Publicly Praise Gang Members for Academic Achievement before Checking with Student.
3. Do Not Allow Students to Write Gang Symbols or Turn in assignments with Gang Style Writing.
4. Do Not Allow Gang Members from the Same Set to Sit/Work Together.
5. Do Not Allow Gang Involved Students to "Disappear" in the Classroom.
6. Do Not Allow Your Classroom to be Used as a Gang Forum.
7. Do Not Allow Students to overly Group or Clique Together and Exclude Other Groups.
8. Do Not Change your Mind about Enforcing Rules. Gang Kids See Inconsistencies as a Weakness and Will Exploit It.
9. Do Not Challenge or Try to Intimidate Gang Involved Youth, Especially in Front of Their Peers.
10. Do Not Make Exceptions for Favorite Students.
11. Do Not Allow Students to Use Words or Activities that are Gang Related.
12. Do Not Allow Students to Refer to Each Other by Gang Monikers.
13. Do Not Trust Gang Members Completely. Be a Guide and Mentor
14. Do Not Become an Enabler by Providing Excuses for the Student's Negative Behaviors.
15. Do Not Become a Home Boy/Girl to Gang Kids.