

FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES AND YOUTH GANGS

The Valley Stream Central High School District Board of Education has endorsed the philosophy stated below pertaining to fraternities, sororities and youth gangs.

Fraternities and sororities are secret organizations which have no place in the public high schools of a democratic society. They promote social standards based upon snobbery and measures of exclusion, which are contrary to the teachings of public schools. Youth gangs also have no place in the schools. The physical abuse of individuals which occurs because of hazing or gang activity is dangerous and has been tragic in its consequences. The disruptions of and interferences with the academic process of our schools and with the academic progress of individual students will not be tolerated. We, therefore, urge all parents to forbid the participation of their children in such organizations.

The Board in its discretion has further adopted rules and regulations designed to abolish and/or prohibit such organizations in any school under its jurisdiction.

The Board further states that since fraternities, sororities and youth gangs are not approved by the Board and have no part in the extracurricular program of the schools, all activities related to them are prohibited on school grounds or within the school buildings.