

Book - Policy Manual

Section - 200 Pupils

Title - Terroristic Threats/Acts

Code - 218.2

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Purpose

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts by students presents to the safety and welfare of district students, staff and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving **a terroristic threat such a threat or act.**

Definitions

Communicate: shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail, Internet, facsimile, tele and similar transmissions.

Terroristic threat - shall mean a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize another; to cause evacuation of a building; or to cause serious public inconvenience, in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

~~**Terroristic act** – shall mean an offense against property or involving danger to another person.~~

Authority

The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member **or property owned, leased, or being used by the school district.**

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent to react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing administrative procedures to implement this policy.

Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the building principal regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.^[2]

The building principal shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act.

Guidelines

~~When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or committed a terroristic act, the following guidelines shall be applied:~~

- ~~1. The building principal may immediately suspend the student.^[3]~~

- ~~2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent.~~
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- ~~3. Based on further investigation, the Superintendent may report the student to law enforcement officials.~~
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- ~~4. The building principal or Superintendent shall inform any person directly referenced or affected by a terroristic threat.~~
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- ~~5. The Superintendent may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board.~~

In all cases of terroristic threats, where a student's behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, district staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.[3][4]

Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility for informing the threat assessment team regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat.[4][7]

The threat assessment team shall immediately inform the Superintendent or designee, School Safety and Security Coordinator and building principal of a terroristic threat, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.[4]

The Superintendent or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board policies.[2][6][8][9][10]

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving a terroristic threat as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.[6][9][11]

In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.[6][8]

If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, the Board may require, prior to readmission, that the student provide competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.

In the case of students with disabilities, the district will take all steps necessary to comply ~~with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow Board policy.~~ with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Board polices. Disabilities Education Act and follow Board policy.[4]

Legal

2. 22 PA Code 12.2

3. Pol. 233

4. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq

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