

Policy Guide



Policy No. 218.2

Section PUPILS

Title TERRORISTIC THREATS

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POLICY NO. 218.2 TERRORISTIC THREATS	
Section 1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts by students present 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 or act. In all instances, the District’s goal will be to ensure the safety of all students and personnel.</p>
Section 2	<p><u>Definitions</u></p> <p>Communicate – shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail, internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706</p> <p>Terroristic Threat – shall mean a threat communicated either directly or indirectly to commit any crime of violence with the intent to terrorize another; to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation; or to otherwise cause serious public inconvenience, or cause terror or serious public inconvenience with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience. 18 PA C.S.A. 2706</p>
Section 3	<p><u>Authority</u></p> <p>The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, school director, community member or property owned, leased or being used by the District.</p>

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	<p>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the District shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement and Board policies.</p>	<p>22 PA Code 10.23 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 805.1</p>
Section 4	<p><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in coordination with the threat assessment team, shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over school property and the District’s emergency preparedness plan.</p>	<p>SC 1302-E, 1319-B Pol. 236.1, 805, 805.1</p>
Section 5	<p><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>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. If a person believes there is an imminent threat, they should call 911 immediately.</p> <p>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 or act.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall report incidents involving terroristic threats or acts 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 law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school’s property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the</p>	<p>SC 1302-E Pol. 236.1</p> <p>22 PA Code 12.2 Pol. 236.1</p> <p>Pol. 236.1</p> <p>SC 1306.2-B, 1319-B 22 PA Code 10.2, 10.22 Pol. 805.1</p>

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procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement and Board policies.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the person in parental relation of any student directly involved in an incident involving a terroristic threat or act as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the person in parental relation that the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property has been notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the person in parental relation.

In accordance with state law, the Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats or acts to the PA Department of Education on the required form.

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

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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-E, 1306.2-B, 1319-B

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 10.2, 10.22, 10.23, 10.25, 12.2

Terroristic Threats – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec 2706

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec 1400 et seq.

Board Policy – 103.1, 113.1, 113.2, 233, 236.1, 805, 805.1

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10.25
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236.1