

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS
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218.2. TERRORISTIC THREATS

Purpose

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats 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 such a threat or act.

Definitions [1]

Terroristic threat - shall mean a threat communicated either directly or indirectly to:

- 1) commit any crime of violence or to terrorize another;
- 2) to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation;
- 3) to cause a reasonably foreseeable substantial disruption of school operations;
- 4) to otherwise cause serious public inconvenience; or
- 5) cause terror with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

The Board prohibits any District student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member, or school building.

This policy applies to on-campus and/or off-campus communications, including but not limited to, social media content or messages posted using private devices after school hours.

For purposes of this policy, the subjective intent, motivation, or purpose of the student is not relevant in determining whether the student's actions constitute a terroristic threat as defined herein. It shall be no defense to a violation of this Policy that the student was joking when he/she communicated the threat.

The District reserves the right to obtain repayment or restitution from the student and/or the student's parents/guardians for any direct or indirect costs to the District that resulted from the student's violation of this policy.

Authority

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

Delegation of Responsibility

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 and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials. [2][5]

The Superintendent, or designee, shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation. [8]

Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the building principal as a member of the Threat Assessment Team regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat. [7]

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

When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat the following guidelines shall be applied:

Guidelines

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 building principal serving as a member of the Threat Assessment Team, in accordance with applicable law. [7]

1. The building principal may immediately suspend the student.
2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent or designee. [17]
3. Based on further investigation, the Superintendent or designee may report the student to law enforcement officials.
4. The building principal or Superintendent may inform any person directly referenced or affected by a terroristic threat.
5. The Superintendent or designee may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board.

If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats, the Superintendent or designee 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 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and follow Board policy. [13][15]

Legal References:

1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706

2. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A

3. 24 P.S. 1302-E

4. Pol. 236.1

5. Pol. 805

6. Pol. 805.1

7. 22 PA Code 12.2

8. 24 P.S. 1303-A

9. 22 PA Code 10.2

10. 22 PA Code 10.22

11. 22 PA Code 10.25

12. 22 PA Code 10.23

13. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq

14. Pol. 103.1

15. Pol. 113.1

16. Pol. 113.2

17. Pol. 233

34 CFR Part 300