



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Wilson School 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 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, telex, and similar transmissions.[4]

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 terror or serious public inconvenience, in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.[4]

Terroristic act - shall mean an offense against property or involving danger to another person.

The Board acknowledges that threats may occur through written communication, verbal communication, cellular phones, and through cyber mediums.

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 District.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee, in coordination with the threat assessment team, to react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations, and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding

with local law enforcement officials and the District's emergency preparedness plan.[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[24 P.S. 1302-E\]](#)[\[Pol. 236.1\]](#)

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

Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility ~~ble to inform~~ ~~for informing~~ the threat assessment team ~~building principal~~ regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.[\[1\]](#)

The threat assessment team shall immediately inform the Superintendent or designee, School Safety and Security Coordinator, and building principal of a terroristic threat or terroristic act, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.[\[Pol. 236.1\]](#) ~~shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act.~~

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.[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving terroristic threat as a victim or suspect immediately, or 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.[\[6\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

Guidelines

Violations of this policy shall result in discipline in accordance with state law and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct. ~~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 shall immediately suspend the student.~~[\[2\]](#)
- ~~2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent and to law enforcement officials.~~
- ~~3. The Superintendent may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board.~~

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 from a behavioral service provider that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.

In the case of a student with disabilities, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the District will take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, including, but not limited to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement, and Board policy.[\[6\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

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.[\[6\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 12.2
2. Pol. 233
3. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
4. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706
5. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
6. Pol. 225
7. Pol. 805
8. 22 PA Code 10.2
9. 22 PA Code 10.22
10. 24 P.S. 1303-A
11. 22 PA Code 10.25
12. 22 PA Code 10.23
13. Pol. 113.1
14. Pol. 113.2