

Threats of Violence

The School Board is committed to promoting healthy relationships and a safe learning environment. To this end, student threats of harm to self or others, threatening behavior or acts of violence, including threats to severely damage school property shall not be tolerated on District property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the District.

Students shall be instructed of the responsibility to inform a teacher, counselor or administrator regarding any information or knowledge relevant to conduct prohibited by this policy. Parents/legal guardians and others will be encouraged to report such information to the District. Staff shall immediately notify an administrator of any threat, threatening behavior or act of violence he/she has knowledge of, has witnessed or received. All reports will be promptly investigated.

Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. A referral to law enforcement shall be made for any infraction involving a student bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon or destructive device as prohibited by state and federal law and School Board policy.

The building principal shall, in determining appropriate disciplinary action, consider:

1. Immediately removing from the classroom setting any student who has threatened to injure another person or to severely damage school property;
2. Placing the student in a setting where the behavior will receive immediate attention from a building administrator, counselor, licensed mental health professional or others;
3. Requiring the student to be evaluated by a District approved licensed mental health professional before allowing the student to return to the classroom setting.

The building principal shall ensure notification is provided to:

1. The parent/legal guardian of any student in violation of this policy and the disciplinary action imposed;
2. The parent/legal guardian of a student when the student's name appears on a targeted list that threatens violence or harm to the students on the list or when threats of violence or harm to the student are made by another student;
3. Any school employee whose name appears on a targeted list threatening violence or harm to the District employee and when threats of violence or harm are made by a student or others.

Notification to the above shall be attempted by telephone or in person within 12 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat. Regardless, a written follow-up notification shall be sent within 24 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat.

The District may enter into contracts with licensed mental health professionals to perform student evaluations. Funds for evaluations or other disciplinary options as may be required by law and School Board policy shall be provided by the District.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 161.015

ORS 166.210 - 166.370

ORS 332.107

ORS 339.115

ORS 339.240

ORS 339.250

ORS 339.260

ORS 339.325

ORS 339.327

ORS 809.060

ORS 809.260

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Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. Sections 921(a) (25), (26) and 922(q); as amended by P.L. 104-208, Section 101(f) (1996) and P.L. 103-322, Section 320904 (1994).

Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1400-1427, as amended and renamed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. 101-476, 104 Stat 1103 (1990), as amended P.L. 105-17 (1997). [P.L. 94-142 is a well-known “short” reference to this federal legislation.]