

Threats of Violence**

The public charter 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 public charter school property, shall not be tolerated on public charter school property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the public charter school.

Students shall be instructed of the responsibility to inform a teacher, counselor or executive director regarding any information or knowledge relevant to conduct prohibited by this policy. Parents and others will be encouraged to report such information to the public charter school. Staff shall immediately notify the executive director of any threat, threatening behavior or act of violence he or 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 public charter school board policy.

The public charter school executive director 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 public charter school property;
2. Placing the student in a setting where the behavior will receive immediate attention from an executive director, counselor, licensed mental health professional or others;
3. Requiring the student to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional before allowing the student to return to the classroom setting.

The public charter school executive director shall ensure notification is provided to:

1. The parent of any student in violation of this policy and the disciplinary action imposed;
2. The parent 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 public charter school 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 public charter school executive director will provide necessary information regarding threats of violence to law enforcement, child protective services and health-care professionals in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals. Additionally, he or she may provide such information to other school officials, including teachers, within the public charter school who have a legitimate educational interest in the student(s) consistent with state and federal education records laws. "Legitimate educational interest" means a licensed staff member having the student in class, the student's counselor or other licensed or nonlicensed staff due to special referral or participating in staffing, programming or case review of a specifically named student.

The public charter school 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 this policy shall be provided by the [public charter school] or [sponsoring district].

[As a part of the public charter school's proactive safety efforts, the public charter school executive director will plan staff development activities designed to alert staff to early warning signs of possible violent behavior. Students so identified shall be referred to a counselor, licensed mental health professional and/or multidisciplinary team for evaluation and follow-up as appropriate.]

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.015](#)
[ORS 166.210 - 166.370](#)
[ORS 338.115\(j\)](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[ORS 339.327](#)
[ORS 809.060](#)
[ORS 809.260](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-053-0010\(5\)](#)

[OAR 581-053-0230\(9\)\(k\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0330\(1\)\(r\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0430\(17\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0531\(16\)](#)
[OAR 581-053-0630](#)

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2006).
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 - 1427 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Cyberbullying – Staff
JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence – Student
JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools