

Threats of Violence Guidelines

When in the principal's judgment a student has threatened another student with violence or harm in a manner in which there is a reasonable expectation that the student could or would commit that violence, the following guidelines will be in place:

School Level

1. Immediate removal of the student from classes.
2. Refer to law enforcement.
3. Suspended pending expulsion hearing*.
4. Notification of parents of students who have been threatened:
 - a. By phone - 12 hours;
 - b. In writing - 24 hours.

* The Expulsion may be put aside if the parent furnishes a positive risk assessment by a district-approved evaluator prior to the scheduled expulsion hearing. The risk assessment will be furnished at the parents' expense.

District Level

1. Expulsion hearing.
2. If expelled by the Hearings Officer, a risk assessment will be required prior to a return to school from the expulsion period.
3. Expulsion duration will be up to one calendar year. The Hearings Office may recommend a shorter term if the parent is willing to provide a positive risk assessment by a district-approved evaluator.

Principals are encouraged to call if any question exists as to the severity of the threat. This will ensure districtwide consistency.