

# Twin Valley School District

No. 218.2

SECTION(S): Pupils  
 TITLE: Terroristic Threats & Acts  
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| 1  |                  | 218.2 TERRORISTIC THREATS & ACTS  | 1  |
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| 3  | 1. Purpose       | The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts by            | 3  |
| 4  |                  | students present to the safety and welfare of district students, staff          | 4  |
| 5  |                  | and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate                 | 5  |
| 6  |                  | and effective response to a situation involving such a threat or act.           | 6  |
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| 8  |                  | <b>Terroristic threat</b> – shall mean any threat to commit any crime of        | 8  |
| 9  | 2. Definition    | violence communicated by any means resulting in the terrorizing of              | 9  |
| 10 | 18 Pa.           | others, or communicated with reckless disregard for the risk of                 | 10 |
| 11 | C.S.A.           | terrorizing others; or any threat to commit any threat of violence              | 11 |
| 12 | Sec. 2706        | causing evacuation of a building; or causing serious public                     | 12 |
| 13 |                  | inconvenience, with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such              | 13 |
| 14 | 18 Pa.           | terror or inconvenience.  | 14 |
| 15 | C.S.A.           |   | 15 |
| 16 | Sec. 3301-4101   | <b>Terrorize</b> – shall mean to create or maintain a state of fear or distress | 16 |
| 17 | Sec. 2301- 3201  | in someone.   | 17 |
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| 19 |                  | <b>Communicated</b> – shall mean conveys in person or by written or             | 19 |
| 20 |                  | electronic means, including but not limited to telephone, electronic            | 20 |
| 21 |                  | mail, photograph, film or sound recording, facsimile, telex, or Internet        | 21 |
| 22 |                  | or social media platforms or resources of any kind.                             | 22 |
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| 24 |                  | <b>Terroristic act</b> - shall mean any offense against property or involving   | 24 |
| 25 |                  | danger to another person.   | 25 |
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| 27 | 3. Authority     | The Board prohibits any district student from communicating                     | 27 |
| 28 |                  | terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any              | 28 |
| 29 |                  | student, employee, Board member, community member or school                     | 29 |
| 30 |                  | building.   | 30 |
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| 32 | Policy 220       | When a student makes a terroristic threat off campus or away from               | 32 |
| 33 |                  | school functions, the school district may discipline the student if             | 33 |
| 34 |                  | there is a nexus between the threat and a substantial and material              | 34 |
| 35 |                  | disruption of the school program.   | 35 |
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| 37 | 4. Delegation of | The Board directs the superintendent or his/her designee to react               | 37 |
| 38 | Responsibility   | promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning              | 38 |
| 39 |                  | a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.                                 | 39 |
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| 41 | Policy 233       | The superintendent shall be responsible for developing administrative           | 41 |
| 42 |                  | regulations to implement this policy.   | 42 |
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| 44 | 5. Guidelines    | Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the               | 44 |
| 45 |                  | building principal regarding any information or knowledge relevant to           | 45 |
| 46 |                  | a possible or actual terroristic threat or act. Students who fail to            | 46 |
| 47 |                  | report a terroristic threat, or who further disseminate a terroristic           | 47 |
| 48 |                  | threat with reckless disregard for the risk of terror or inconvenience          | 48 |
| 49 |                  | such threats may cause to others, may be subject to discipline and              | 49 |
| 50 |                  | even expulsion.   | 50 |

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| 1  | 20 U.S.C. | The building principal shall determine the urgency of the         | 1  |
| 2  | Sec. 1400 | threat in prioritizing the safety of students, staff, property,   | 2  |
| 3  | et seq.   | and contacting parents. He/she shall immediately inform the       | 3  |
| 4  |           | superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act.  | 4  |
| 5  |           |   | 5  |
| 6  |           | When an administrator has evidence that a student has made        | 6  |
| 7  |           | a terroristic threat or committed a terroristic act, the          | 7  |
| 8  |           | following guidelines shall be applied:                            | 8  |
| 9  |           |   | 9  |
| 10 |           | 1. The building principal may immediately suspend the             | 10 |
| 11 |           | student.  | 11 |
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| 13 |           | 2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident      | 13 |
| 14 |           | to the superintendent.  | 14 |
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| 16 |           | 3. Based on further investigation, the superintendent or          | 16 |
| 17 |           | designee may report the student to law enforcement officials.     | 17 |
| 18 |           | Such action shall be in compliance with state law and             | 18 |
| 19 |           | regulation and with the procedures set forth in the               | 19 |
| 20 |           | memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement            | 20 |
| 21 |           | officials.  | 21 |
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| 23 |           | 4. The superintendent may recommend expulsion to the              | 23 |
| 24 |           | Board of a student who makes a terroristic threat or commits      | 24 |
| 25 |           | a terroristic act.  | 25 |
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| 27 |           | In determining whether to recommend expulsion of a student        | 27 |
| 28 |           | who has made a terroristic threat, the Superintendent is not      | 28 |
| 29 |           | required to assess whether the student has or had the means       | 29 |
| 30 |           | to carry out the threat.  | 30 |
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| 32 |           | If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or        | 32 |
| 33 |           | committing terroristic acts, the Board may require, prior to      | 33 |
| 34 |           | readmission, that the student provide competent and credible      | 34 |
| 35 |           | evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to         | 35 |
| 36 |           | others.   | 36 |
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| 38 |           | Additional restrictions may be imposed and when                   | 38 |
| 39 |           | appropriate, the student may be subjected to random               | 39 |
| 40 |           | searches.   | 40 |
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| 42 |           | In the case of exceptional students, the district will take all   | 42 |
| 43 |           | steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with               | 43 |
| 44 |           | Disabilities Education Act.                                       | 44 |
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| 46 |           | The Superintendent or designee shall annually, by July 31,        | 46 |
| 47 |           | report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office of Safe | 47 |
| 48 |           | Schools on the required form in accordance with state law         | 48 |
| 49 |           | and regulation.   | 49 |
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