

Holbrook Public Schools

BOMB THREATS

Reports of bombs or explosives in the school building are a nuisance, costly, and cause loss of valuable school time. Despite the fact that most such threats are hoaxes, such reports cannot be ignored. The welfare and safety of students and staff requires planned and prompt action whenever reports are received.

The administration will have and implement regulations and procedures related to bomb reports that protect the students and staff from harm; that stipulates prevention or reduced frequency of false threats; that promotes and supports effective and cooperative efforts of other governmental agencies in the apprehension of those responsible for threats. Please refer to the "Holbrook Public Schools Crisis Staff Handbook" for regulations and procedures.

The staff and students are to be aware of the procedure expected in situations requiring the emergency evacuation of the school building. Further, the staff and students are to be made aware of the regulations concerning making up of time missed because of such emergency evacuation.

The School Committee expects students to be aware of the serious legal violations associated with hoax bomb reports. A bomb hoax is a felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to twenty (20) years in state prison (Chapter 269, Section 14, Massachusetts General Laws). The School Committee will seek full police investigations and convictions under the law.

The administration is authorized and directed to develop and implement, with the help of appropriate public agencies and staff, emergency evacuation procedures, hoax prevention activities, and time make-up practices. Students, parents, and staff will be made aware of regulations and procedures established.

For purpose of clarification, the term "bomb threat" shall mean a condition of threat judged to be so by the principal or his/her designee after careful and systematic evaluation of the school environment together with analysis of messages received that relate to possible threats of bombing at the school.

LEGAL REF.: MGL 269:14

CROSS REF.: EBC Emergency Plans

REF: School Crisis Staff Handbook

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