

Definition	<p>Any threat (verbal, written, or electronic) by a person to bomb or use other substances or devices for the purpose of exploding, burning, causing damage to a school building or school property, or to harm students or staff (National forum on Educational Statistics, Safety in Numbers). A.R.S. 13-2911. Interference with or disruption of an educational institution A person commits interference with or disruption of an educational institution by doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly interfering with or disrupting the normal operations of an educational institution by either: Threatening to cause physical injury to any employee or student of an educational institution or any person on the property of an educational institution. 2. Intentionally or knowingly entering or remaining on the property of any educational institution for the purpose of interfering with the lawful use of the property or in any manner as to deny or interfere with the lawful use of the property by others. 3. Intentionally or knowingly refusing to obey a lawful order given pursuant to subsection C of this section. <p>To constitute a violation of this section, the acts that are prohibited by subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section are not required to be directed at a specific individual, a specific education institution or any specific property of an education institution. For the purposes of this section:</p> <p>“Interference with or disruption of” includes any act that might reasonably lead to the evacuation or closure of any property of the educational institution or the postponement, cancellation or suspension of any class or other school activity. For the purposes of this paragraph, an actual evacuation, closure, postponement, cancellation or suspension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bomb Threat** Threatening to or causing harm by using a bomb, dynamite, explosive, or arson-causing device. • Chemical or Biological Threat** Threatening to or causing harm by using dangerous chemicals or biological agents. • Fire Alarm Misuse** Intentionally ringing the fire alarm when there is no fire. • Other School Threat** <p>Note: Parents are urged to speak with their children about what kinds of words may be perceived as threatening by another child. For example, children may not threaten to “kill” another student or teacher. Though unlikely to result in an actual attempt on someone’s life, these words are considered extremely threatening.</p>			
Board Policy	5-305, 5-306			
Grade Level	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
Minimum Consequence	Conference, behavior contract, suspension, Refer to A.R.S. 15-843(K) for guidance	Conference, behavior contract, suspension, Refer to A.R.S. 15-843(K) for guidance	10 days OSS + long-term suspension + MPD Referral	10 days OSS + long-term suspension + MPD Referral
Maximum Consequence	Conference, behavior contract, suspension, Refer to A.R.S. 15-843(K) for guidance	Conference, behavior contract, suspension, Refer to A.R.S. 15-843(K) for guidance	10 days OSS + expulsion + MPD Referral	10 days OSS + expulsion + MPD Referral