# LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS

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## 218.2. TERRORISTIC THREATS

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| Purpose | The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the danger that terroristic threats by students present to the safety and welfare of students, staff and community. The Joint Operating Committee acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving such a terroristic threat. |
| Definitions | **Communicate –** shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail, internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions. [1]<br><br>**Terroristic threat** – shall mean a threat communicated directly or indirectly to commit any crime of violence with the intent to terrorize another; to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation; or to otherwise cause serious public inconvenience, or cause terror or serious public inconvenience with reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience. **Examples of terroristic threats: Bomb scares, false fire alarms, leaving messages in restroom or on computer screens for others to see.** |
| Authority | The Joint Operating Committee prohibits any student from communicating terroristic threats directed at any student, employee, Joint Operating Committee member, community member or school property owned, leased or being used by the school. **This includes threats directed against another but communicated to a third person.**<br><br>**In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the school shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies. [3][4][5][6][7][8]** |
| Delegation of Responsibility | The Administrative Director or designee, in coordination with the threat assessment team, shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations, Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with **law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over school property** and the school's emergency preparedness plan. [8][9][10][11][12] |

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| | The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director shall be responsible for developing administrative procedures to implement this policy. |
| Guidelines | In all cases of terroristic threats, where a student's behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy. [9][11]<br><br>Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility to inform the threat assessment team regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat. [11][13]<br><br>The threat assessment team shall immediately inform the Administrative Director or designee, School Safety and Security Coordinator and building administrator of a terroristic threat, in accordance with Joint Operating Committee policy and administrative regulations. [11]<br><br>The Administrative Director or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from the school or a school-sponsored activity to the **law enforcement agency** that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding **with** law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies. [8][10][14][15][16]<br><br>The Administrative Director or designee shall notify parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving a terroristic threat as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. The Administrative Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the **law enforcement agency** that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Administrative Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian. [8][5][17]<br><br>In accordance with state law, the Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the PA Department of Education on the required form. [8][10][14]<br><br>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats, the Joint Operating Committee may require, prior to readmission, that the student provide competent and credible evidence from a behavioral service provider that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others. [6][11][18] |

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| | **PSBA Revision 6/24 © 2024 PSBA**<br>Legal References<br>1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706<br>2. 24 P.S. 1850.1<br>3. 22 PA Code 10.23<br>4. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq<br>5. Pol. 103.1<br>6. Pol. 113.1<br>7. Pol. 113.2<br>8. Pol. 805.1<br>9. 24 P.S. 1302-E<br>10. 24 P.S. 1319-B<br>11. Pol. 236.1<br>12. Pol. 805<br>13. 22 PA Code 12.2<br>14. 24 P.S. 1306.2-B<br>15. 22 PA Code 10.2<br>16. 22 PA Code 10.22<br>17. 22 PA Code 10.25<br>18. Pol. 233<br>34 CFR Part 300 |