

# SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS

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218.2. TERRORISTIC THREATS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats by students present to the safety and welfare of district students, staff and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving such a threat or act.
2. Definitions 18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 2706	<p>Terroristic threat – shall mean a threat to commit violence on school property or at a school sponsored event or activity that is communicated either directly or indirectly with the intent to terrorize another, to cause evacuation of a building, or to cause serious public inconvenience, in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.</p> <p>Communicates – shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, smartphone, electronic mail, text, Internet, facsimile, telex, and/or other similar transmissions.</p>
3. Authority	The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member or school building to be carried out in school or at a school sponsored activity.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Board directs the Superintendent or his or her designee to react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat.</p> <p>The Superintendent or his or her designee shall be responsible for developing administrative procedures to implement this policy.</p>
22 Pa. C.S.A. §12.2(d)(4)	<p>Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the building principal regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat.</p> <p>The building principal shall immediately inform the Superintendent or his or her designee after receiving a report of such a threat.</p>
5. Guidelines	When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or

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<p>Pol. 233</p> <p>Pa. Code, Ch. 10, §10.22</p> <p>20 U.S.C. §1415(k) 34 C.F.R. §§530-536 29 U.S.C. § 794 34 C.F.R. §104.35 22 Pa.C.S. §12.6 22 Pa.C.S. §14.143</p>	<p>committed a terroristic act, the following guidelines shall be applied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The building principal shall immediately suspend the student.</li><li>2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent or his or her designee.</li><li>3. Based on further investigation, the Superintendent or his or her designee may report the student to law enforcement officials.</li><li>4. The Superintendent or his or her designee may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board.</li></ol> <p>In the case of exceptional students, the district will take all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Chapters 12, 14, and 15 of Pennsylvania Code, and to follow Board policy.</p>
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