

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS
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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the danger that terroristic threats by students presents 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 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.

Terroristic threat - shall mean a threat, communicated either 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.

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee prohibits any student from communicating terroristic threats directed at any student, employee, Joint Operating Committee member, community member or property owned, leased or being used by the center.

In the case of students with disabilities, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the center shall take all steps required to comply with the state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies.

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.

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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 the center's property and the center's emergency preparedness plan.

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.

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.

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.

The Administrative Director or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on center property, at any center-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from the center or a center-sponsored activity to law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the center's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies.

The Administrative Director or designee shall notify the 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 center property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Administrative Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.

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.

If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats, the Joint Operating Committee may require, prior to readmission, that the student provides competent and credible evidence from a behavioral service provider that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.

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Legal References

18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706

24 P.S. 1850.1

24 P.S. 1302-E

22 PA Code 10.23

20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq

Pol. 103.1

Pol. 113.1

Pol. 113.2

Pol. 805.1

24 P.S. 1302-E

24 P.S. 1319-B

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22 PA Code 12.2

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22 PA Code 10.2

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