

# Tyrone Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS

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218.2 TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts by students presents 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><b>Terroristic Threat</b> – shall mean a threat to commit violence communicated 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>A terroristic threat may be issued by verbal; or written word, action, or electronic media, including the internet, electronic mail, or other electronic means.</p> <p>A terroristic threat could include: threats in writing or artwork, verbal threats directed to another, notes between students that threaten violence, overheard statements made by one (1) person speaking of harming someone else, previous aggression coupled with current threats.</p>
18 PA C.S.A. Sec. 3301-4101 Sec. 2301-3201	<p><b>Terroristic Act</b> - shall mean an offense against property or involving danger to another person, when such offense is committed with the purpose or intent to terrorize another, to cause evacuation of a building, or to cause serious public inconvenience, or in reckless disregard to such terror or inconvenience.</p>
3. Authority	The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member or school building.
4. Delegation of Responsibility  Title 22 Sec. 12.2	<p>The Board directs the Superintendent to react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.</p> <p>Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the building principal of dean of students regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.</p> <p>The building principal or dean of students shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act.</p>
5. Guidelines	When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or committed a terroristic act, the following guidelines shall be applied:

<p>Pol. 218, 233, 132</p> <p>20 U.S.C.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Based on his or her reasonable professional judgment of the circumstances, the building principal or deans of students may immediately remove the student to a secure, supervised location pending investigation and corroboration of the evidence.</li><li>2. The building principal or dean of students shall promptly report the evidence found in the investigation to the Superintendent.</li><li>3. The student shall be subject to discipline pursuant to Board policy which may include suspension, expulsion or placement into an Alternative Education Program.</li><li>4. In addition to any discipline that may be imposed, students making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts may be required to participate in a clinical assessment of the student's emotional and mental health, which shall be completed prior to the student's return to school or his or her regular school assignment.</li></ol> <p><u>Clinical Assessment</u></p> <p>The clinical assessment is designed to determine if the student is an immediate risk for harming himself or herself or others and whether the student should be referred for a more complete evaluation and/or crisis intervention. This assessment shall be conducted by a licensed psychiatrist or other appropriate mental health professional. This clinical assessment will be conducted at the parent's expense unless insurance coverage is not available, or at district expense when such assessment is performed by a professional with whom the district may contract. The district reserves the right to require a second assessment.</p> <p><u>Readmission</u></p> <p>If a student is suspended from school, the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall have the clinical assessment completed during the suspension and prior to the student returning to school or his or her regular school assignment.</p> <p>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, the Superintendent may require, prior to readmission, that the student provide competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk to others.</p> <p>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, a condition of readmission shall be parental and student consent to random searches of the student's person and property, which shall be reasonably related to the conduct for which the student was expelled, for weapons or other illegal or unauthorized materials.</p> <p><u>Students With Disabilities</u></p> <p>In the case of a student with disabilities, the district will take all steps necessary to</p>
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<p>Sec. 1400 et seq.</p>	<p>comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow Board policy.</p> <p><u>Notice</u></p> <p>The prohibition against terroristic threats/acts and the disciplinary consequences shall be included in student and teacher handbooks. The current staff of the school district shall be informed of the adoption of this policy and the duties/responsibilities to report set forth within the policy. Orientation of new staff shall include a review of this policy and obligations thereunder.</p>
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