

OLD FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: SCHOOL VIOLENCE/
TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS

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218.2. SCHOOL VIOLENCE/TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS	
1. Purpose	<p>Recent unfortunate events in various school districts throughout Pennsylvania have created the need for a Board policy to deal with terroristic threats and acts of violence by students. Hopefully, these incidents will stop. Obviously, no school district expects such occurrences.</p> <p>The Old Forge Board of Education recognizes the danger that school violence and 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 threats or acts of violence.</p>
2. Definitions 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 2706	<p>Terroristic threat - shall mean a threat or attempt to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize another to cause evacuation of a building or to cause serious public inconvenience.</p> <p>Violence - shall mean an offense against property or involving danger to another person, (i.e., fighting).</p>
3. Authority	<p>The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats or committing acts of violence directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member or school building.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent and/or building administration will react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act of violence.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <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 or act of violence.</p> <p>The building principal shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act of violence.</p>
Title 22 Sec. 12.2	

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<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq</p>	<p>When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or committed an act of violence, the following guidelines shall be applied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The building principal will immediately suspend the student.2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent.3. Based on further investigation, the Superintendent will report the student to law enforcement officials.4. The Superintendent based upon the information provided through investigation may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board of Directors. <p>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing acts of violence, the Board of Directors may require, prior to readmission, that the student provide competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.</p> <p>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing acts of violence, upon return to school, the student shall be placed on probation and subject to random searches.</p> <p>In the case of exceptional students, the district will take all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.</p>
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