

Book: Luzerne Intermediate Unit # 18
Section: 200 Pupils
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Purpose

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats by students present to the safety and welfare of students, staff and community. The Board 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.[\[1\]](#)

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.[\[1\]](#)

Authority

The Board prohibits any Intermediate Unit student from communicating terroristic threats directed at any student, employee, school director, community member or property owned, leased or being used by the Intermediate Unit.

In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the Intermediate Unit shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement that has jurisdiction over the school property of the Intermediate Unit and Board policies.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Executive Director or designee, in coordination with the Intermediate Unit threat assessment team and the student's school district of residence, shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the school

property of the Intermediate Unit and the Intermediate Unit's emergency preparedness plan.[2][9][10][11][12]

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, Intermediate Unit staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.[9][11]

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]

The threat assessment team shall immediately inform the Executive Director or designee, School Safety and Security Coordinator and building administrator or program supervisor of a terroristic threat, in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulations.[11]

The Executive Director or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats at school or Intermediate Unit programs, on school property of the Intermediate Unit, at any school function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from any school function under the jurisdiction of the Intermediate Unit to the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property of the Intermediate Unit, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with law enforcement and Board policies.[2][10][14][15][16]

The Executive 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 Executive Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the school property of the Intermediate Unit has been or may be notified of the incident. The Executive Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.[2][15][17]

In accordance with state law, the Executive Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the PA Department of Education on the required form.[2][10][14]

If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats, the Board, in coordination with the student's school district of residence, 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]

Legal

1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 2706

2. Pol. 805.1

3. 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq
4. 22 PA Code 10.23
5. Pol. 103.1
6. Pol. 113.1
7. Pol. 113.2
8. Pol. 113.3
9. 24 P.S. 1302-E
10. 24 P.S. 1319-B
11. Pol. 236.1
12. Pol. 805
13. 22 PA Code 12.2
14. 24 P.S. 1306.2-B
15. 22 PA Code 10.2
16. 22 PA Code 10.22
17. 22 PA Code 10.25
18. Pol. 233
- 34 CFR Part 300