

# Palmyra Area School District

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC  
THREATS/ACTS

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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  18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 3301- 4101 Sec. 2301- 3201	<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><b>Terroristic act</b> – shall mean an offense against property or involving danger to another person.</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	<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>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</p>

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<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq. Pol. 113.1</p>	<p>terroristic threat or act.</p> <p>The building principal shall immediately inform the Superintendent after receiving a report of such a threat or act.</p> <p>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The building principal may immediately suspend the student.</li><li>2. The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent.</li><li>3. If school administration deems it necessary, a threat assessment will be conducted by a school psychologist/counselor. A summary will be provided to school administrators and Superintendent.</li><li>4. Based on further investigation, the Superintendent may report the student to law enforcement officials and/or outside agencies for supports/crisis intervention.</li><li>5. Appropriate discipline will be determined by the school administrator.</li><li>6. The Superintendent may recommend expulsion of the student to the Board.</li></ol> <p>If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, the Board 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>In the case of exceptional students, the district will take all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow Board policy.</p>
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