SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS

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218.2. TERRORISTIC THREATS

1. Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts 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 such a threat or act.

2. Definitions 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 2706

Communicate - shall mean to convey in person or by written or electronic means, including telephone, electronic mail, Internet, facsimile, telex and similar transmissions.

18 Pa. C.S.A Sec. 2706 **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.

3. Authority SC 1850.1

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

Title 22 Sec. 10.23 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq Pol. 103.1, 113.1, 113.2 In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending, the school shall take all steps required to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies.

Pol. 233

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 that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.

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4.	Delegation of Responsibility SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805	The Administrative Director or designee 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, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and the school's emergency preparedness plan.
5.	Guidelines Title 22 Sec. 12.2	Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility to inform the principal/supervisor regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.
		The principal/supervisor shall immediately inform the Administrative Director after receiving a report of such a threat or act.
	SC 1302.1-A, 1303-A Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.22 Pol. 805	The Administrative Director or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from school or a school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school'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.
	Title 22 Sec. 10.2, 10.25	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 local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Administrative Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.
	SC 1303-A	In accordance with state law, the Administrative Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.

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