

BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS

Administrative School District No. 1

Deschutes County, Oregon

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

Name: Threats of Violence

Section: Required Policies

Code: JFCM-AP

The Board is committed to promoting healthy relationships and safe learning environments. To this end, student threats of harm to self or others, threatening behavior or acts of violence, including threats to severely damage school property shall not be tolerated on district property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the district.

Students shall be instructed of the responsibility to inform a teacher, counselor or administrator regarding any information or knowledge relevant to conduct prohibited by this policy. Parents and others will be encouraged to report such information to the district. Staff shall immediately notify an administrator of any threat, threatening behavior or act of violence s/he has knowledge of, has witnessed or received. All reports will be promptly investigated.

Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. A referral to law enforcement shall be made for any infraction involving a student bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon or destructive device (defined in JFCJ) as prohibited by state, and federal law and Board policy.

Principals and their designees shall, in determining appropriate disciplinary action, consider:

1. Immediately removing from the classroom setting any student who has threatened to injure another person or to severely damage school property;
2. Placing the student in a setting where the behavior will receive immediate attention from a building administrator, counselor, licensed mental health professional or others;
3. Requiring the student to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional before allowing the student to return to the classroom setting. A student who is removed from the classroom setting for an evaluation may not be removed for more than 10 school days unless the administrator is able to show good cause that an evaluation could not be completed in that time period.

The Principal, or designee, shall ensure notification is provided to:

1. The parent of any student in violation of this policy and the disciplinary action imposed;
2. The parent of a student when the student's name appears on a targeted list that threatens violence or harm to the students on the list or when threats of violence or harm to the student are made by another student;
3. Any school employee whose name appears on a targeted list threatening violence or harm to the district employee, and when threats of violence or harm are made by a student or others.

Notification to the above shall be attempted by telephone or in person within 12 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat. Regardless, a written follow-up notification shall be sent within 24 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat.

The principal will provide necessary information regarding threats of violence to law enforcement, child protective services and health-care professionals in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals. Additionally, he/she may provide such information to other school officials, including teachers, within the district or other districts who have a legitimate educational interest in the student(s) consistent with state and federal education records laws and district policies.

The district may enter into contracts with licensed mental health professionals to perform student evaluations. Funds for evaluations or other disciplinary options as may be required by law and this policy shall be provided by the district.

As a part of the district's proactive safety efforts, the superintendent will plan staff development activities designated to alert staff to early warning signs of possible violent behavior. Students so identified shall be referred to a counselor, licensed mental health professional and/or multidisciplinary team for evaluation and follow-up as appropriate.

The District is committed to partnering with such students, their families, and their mental health providers to continue to provide appropriate support and resources.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 161.015
ORS 166.210-166.370
ORS 332.107
ORS 339.115
ORS 339.240
ORS 339.250
ORS 339.260
ORS 339.327
ORS 809.060
ORS 809.260

OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075
OAR 581-053-0010(5)
OAR 581-053-0015(7)(k)
OAR 581-053-0545(4)(c), (w)
OAR 581-053-0550(5)(v)

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q)(2006)
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1400-1427 (2006)
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g(2006); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2008).

Reference:

JFCAFA/GBNAA-AR - Cyberbullying

JBA/GBN-AR- Harrassment

JO – Education Records

JFD-AR – Students of Legal Age

JFD-AR Form – Students of Legal Age

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