

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS

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218.2. TERRORISTIC THREATS/ACTS	
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	Terroristic threat/act - 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 directed at any student, employee, Joint Operating Committee member, community member or school building.
20 U.S.C. Sec 1400 et seq	In the case of students with disabilities, the school shall take all steps required to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow Joint Operating Committee policy.
Pol. 233	If a student is expelled or placed in an alternative setting by the sending school for making terroristic threats, the Joint Operating Committee may require, prior to readmission, that the student provides competent and credible evidence that the student provides competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others.
4. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 12.2	Staff members and students shall be made aware of their responsibility to inform the building administrator regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat.

<p>SC 1302.1-A Pol. 805</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Pol. 233</p> <p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq</p>	<p>The building administrator shall immediately inform the Executive Director after receiving a report of such a threat.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat. Such action shall be in compliance with state law and regulation and with the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local and state law enforcement officials.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible for developing administrative regulations to implement in policy.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents of terroristic threats to the Office of Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation.</p> <p>When an administrator has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat, the following guidelines shall be applied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The building administrator shall immediately suspend the student. 2. The building administrator shall promptly report the incident to the Executive Director. 3. The Executive Director or designee shall promptly report the incident to the principal of the student's sending school. 4. Career and technical school officials may discipline the student and recommend removal of the student from the career and technical school. 5. Based on further investigation, the Executive Director, or designee, may report the incident to law enforcement officials. 6. The Executive Director or designee may recommend expulsion to the sending district if warranted. Any readmission to the career and technical school must be decided jointly by the sending district and career and technical school officials. <p>In the case of students with disabilities, the school will take all steps necessary to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and follow Joint Operating Committee policy.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302.1-A, 1303-A, 1850.1

Terroristic Threats – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 2706

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

Individuals With Disabilities Education, Title 34, Code of Federal
Regulations – 34 CFR Part 300

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.2

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 000, 233, 805