

## BP 5131.42 THREATS OF VIOLENCE

Note: This optional policy is a recommended measure in keeping schools safe and preventing violence. It is a zero-tolerance policy which provides that a student who threatens violence involving the school or other students--even as a joke--faces immediate disciplinary action. This policy will allow administrators to act decisively and quickly to discipline students who engage in any threat of violence. It also requires the cooperation of all students to report threats of violence, including suicide threats. Effective implementation of this policy depends upon parent and student notification of the policy.

Students should be educated in an environment which is free from harm and threats of harm. Threats of violence are prohibited. Students shall not make any threats, suggestions, or predictions of violence against any person or group or to the school building, whether made orally, in writing, or via email. Whether or not made during school hours or on school grounds, students shall not make any threats, suggestions, or predictions of violence against any person or group or to the school building, whether made orally, in writing, via text message, via email, or via other electronic or social media platform. No threat of violence will be considered a joke. Any bomb threats or threats of violence, whether or not made during school hours or on school grounds, shall result in immediate disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

The Superintendent shall report any threats of violence to the police. The school principal will also report threats to the school psychologist or counselor, who will consult with the police in assessing the threat and offer the student appropriate support and intervention.

All students shall report any and all threats of violence, including jokes and threats of suicide, by reporting the threat to a teacher or school principal.

The District reserves the right to hold the student responsible for any costs and/or damages incurred by the District because of a threat.

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