

Community Relations

Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm

Students and school employees who are subjects of threats of violence or harm will be notified of the threats in a timely manner. Parents will be included in notifications to students who are subjects of threats of violence or harm. If there is a specific and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, the district may disclose information from education records to appropriate parties whose knowledge of the information is necessary. Timing and details of the notice will be consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and, other applicable laws.

“Threats of violence or harm” means direct or indirect communications by any means of the intent to inflict physical harm upon a specific individual or individuals or that place a person in fear of the imminent likelihood of serious harm.

The district will assess and address potential threats of violence or harm in a manner consistent with the district’s threat assessment policy, other safety policies and comprehensive safe school plans.

If the district determines a person poses a threat of violence or harm to district property, students, employees, volunteers, community members or visitors the district may administer relevant district discipline policies and procedures and may refer to appropriate community agencies including law enforcement and mental health services. District staff will work with in-district and community-based professionals and services in all relevant areas of expertise to address threats of violence or harm, those threatened and those making the threats. Necessary information about the person making the threat will be communicated by the principal to teachers and staff, including security personnel.

State law provides the district administrators and district staff with immunity from liability for providing notice of threats in good faith. Persons who make a knowingly false notification of a threat are subject to appropriate district discipline and may be referred for prosecution.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to develop and implement procedures consistent with this policy.

Cross References:	Policy No. 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	Policy No. 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	Policy No. 3143	District Notification of Juvenile Offenders
	Policy No. 3207	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
	Policy No. 3241	Student Discipline
	Policy No. 3225	Threat Assessment
	Policy No. 5281	Disciplinary Action or Discharge
	Policy No. 6513	Workplace Violence Prevention

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.128 Notice and disclosure policies-Threats of violence-
student conduct-Immunity for good faith notice-Penalty
WAC 392-400 Pupils
20 U.S.C. § 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
34 C.F.R. Part 99 FERPA Regulations
34 C.F.R. § 99.36 Disclosure of Information for Health/Safety Reasons

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