



Student Threats Policy

St. Angela Merici Parish School

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Since the mental health professionals are continually addressing the area of risk assessment for violent or potentially violent behavior, this policy will be reviewed periodically or as needed.

1. Any and all student threats to inflict any harm to self or others must be taken seriously immediately. Whoever hears the threat should report it immediately to the principal.
2. Police may be notified immediately.
3. The student shall be kept in the principal's office under supervision until the police arrive, if the police are called.
4. The parent/guardian of the student who has made the threat shall be notified.
5. Any adult or the parent/guardian of any students who have been verbally mentioned as potential victims or listed in writing as potential victims shall be notified.
6. The student will be suspended and not be considered for readmission to school until a comprehensive mental health evaluation/risk assessment has been conducted by a psychiatrist/psychologist (Ph.D.). If a psychiatrist performs the primary evaluation, he/she shall determine the necessity to a psychologist (Ph.D.) for psychological consultation and/or testing. If a psychologist (Ph.D.) performs the primary evaluation, he/she shall determine the need for psychiatric consultation. The evaluation shall comply with the provisions of ORC 2305.51.
7. The principal shall provide the mental health care professional (psychiatrist and/or Ph.D. psychologist) with all the relevant facts, including but not limited to aggressive behaviors, details of the threat as known to the principal, copies of any drawings or writings, disciplinary history of the student, behavior concerns, and the names of any known victims or potential victims.
8. The principal shall receive a written comprehensive, detailed evaluation and report and a documented treatment plan in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 2305.51 from the mental health care professionals stated the basis (factual and risk factors and testing results) upon which he/she determined the student does not pose a danger to self or others. The report shall also address the concerns raised by the principal to the mental health care professional. The evaluation and report shall be made available to the principal who will share them with legal and/or mental health care consultants and administration assisting the principal in his/her education regarding the readmission of the student to school.
9. The mental health care professional (psychiatrist and/or Ph.D. psychologist) shall provide a follow-up assessment of the student within 30 days, if the student is readmitted to school and shall provide the principal with a copy of the follow-up assessment and/or evaluation and shall inform the principal if therapy, counseling and/or treatment will be needed and or/provided.
10. Counseling should be made available to children who are victims of the threatening behavior or who observed the threatening behavior if it is determined that such counseling is needed and parental permission is granted.
11. Documentation from the mental health care professionals concerning any student are to be placed in a separate, confidential file and should not be part of the student's academic/disciplinary file with access only by the principal and/or pastor. This documentation may be kept for a period of one year beyond the time when the child leaves the school as a result of expulsion, withdrawal by parent/guardian, graduation or nonreadmission before being destroyed.

Our mission is to promote a safe environment where students achieve the highest standards of academic excellence and to live our Roman Catholic faith in service to others.

