

**Instruction**

**BOMB THREATS**

To provide for the safety of students and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for dealing with bomb threats.

Whenever the principal or designee believes that a danger may exist, he/she shall have students and staff evacuate threatened areas until law enforcement or fire department staff conduct a bomb search and determine that reentry is safe.

The Superintendent or designee shall make every effort to identify individuals who make bomb threats and have them prosecuted. Students who make such threats shall be suspended.

(cf. 1400 – Relations between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 5131.5 – Vandalism)

(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 6114 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

**PENAL CODE**

17 Felony, misdemeanor, classification of offenses

148.1 False report of explosive or facsimile bomb

245 Assault with deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury; punishment

594 Vandalism; penalty

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#### **Receiving Threats**

Anyone answering a telephoned bomb threat shall try to keep the caller on the line and get answers to the following questions:

1. When is the bomb scheduled to go off?
2. Where is the bomb located?
3. What kind of bomb is it?
4. Who placed the bomb?
5. How do you know about the bomb?
6. What is your name and address?

The person who receives the call should also try to determine the caller's sex, age, and distinctive features of voice or speech and should take note of background noises such as music, traffic, machinery or other voices.

Anyone who receives a written bomb threat shall place it in an envelope and take note of where and by whom it was found.

Any employee or student who receives a bomb threat shall immediately report the threat to the principal or designee.

#### **Procedures**

Upon perceiving that a danger may exist, the principal or designee shall:

1. Immediately use fire drill signals to evacuate threatened areas.
  - a. Students and staff shall follow standard fire drill procedures.
  - b. Teachers shall take roll at their assigned areas and immediately report any absences to the principal or designee.

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- c. Teachers shall remain with their classes, well away from the school buildings, until relieved.
2. Immediately turn off any two-way radio equipment which is located in a threatened building.
3. Immediately inform law enforcement authorities, the fire department, and the Superintendent or designee.

Law enforcement and/or fire department staff shall conduct the bomb search. School staff may assist in this search under the direction of law enforcement/fire department officials. No other school staff shall search for or handle any explosive or incendiary device.

Except for school police officers, no staff or students shall reenter the threatened building(s) until the law enforcement and/or fire department staff advises the principal or designee that reentry is safe.

Within 24 hours, the principals or designee shall send the Superintendent or designee a complete report of the incident, identifying the person who received the threat and the grounds for believing the danger to be real.