

NOTIFICATION OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

Individual-directed threats of violence or harm are communications that create fear of physical harm to a specific individual or individuals, communicated directly or indirectly by any means. Building-directed threats of violence or harm are direct or indirect communication by any means of the intent to cause damage to a school building or school property (e.g., bomb threats), or to harm students, employees, volunteers, patrons or visitors.

Students and school employees who are subjects of threats of violence or harm shall be notified of the threats in a timely manner. Timing and details of the notice will be as extensive as permitted by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), other legal limitations, and the circumstances. The District will address threats of violence or harm in a manner consistent with the District’s safety policies and Comprehensive Safe School Plans.

Persons found to have made threats of violence or harm against District property, students, employees or others will be subject to relevant District discipline policies and will be referred to appropriate community agencies including law enforcement and mental health services. District staff shall work with in-district and community-based professionals and services in all relevant disciplines to address threats of violence or harm, those threatened and those making the threats. Necessary information about the person making the threat shall be communicated by the principal or designee, to teachers and staff, including security personnel.

State law provides the District, school district directors 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 policies and may be referred for prosecution.

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



<i>CROSS REFERENCE</i>	<i>Policy 3200</i> <i>Policy 3240</i>	<i>Students Rights and Responsibilities</i> <i>Student Discipline</i>
<i>LEGAL REFERENCE</i>	<i>RCW 28A.320.128</i> <i>WAC 180-40</i> <i>20 USC 1232g</i> <i>34 CFR Part 99</i>	<i>Notice and Disclosure Policies—Threats of</i> <i>Violence—Student Conduct—Immunity for Good</i> <i>Faith Notice—Penalty Pupils</i> <i>Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)</i> <i>FERPA Regulations</i>



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