

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats or acts by students present to the safety and welfare of District students, staff, and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving such a threat or act.

A terroristic action is a violent act or a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to create extreme fear or violence toward a body of people, to cause evacuation of a building, or to cause serious public inconvenience, in reckless disregard of the risk causing such terror or inconvenience.

The Board prohibits any District student, at any time, regardless of whether school is in session, from communicating terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts directed at any student, employee, Board member, community member, school building, or property. Any such threat, either real or intended as a joke, or any terroristic act will not be tolerated in or around the Grand Rapids Public Schools, its properties or in or on any vehicle or watercraft owned, leased, rented or used in connection with any school activity.

The Board directs the Superintendent to react promptly and appropriately to information and knowledge concerning a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.

Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the Superintendent regarding any information or knowledge they may have relevant to a possible or actual threat or act. Failure to bring forward information or knowledge relative to a possible or actual threat or act shall result in disciplinary consequences for students up to and including permanent expulsion and for staff members up to and including discharge.

When the Superintendent has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or committed a terroristic act, the following guidelines shall be applied:

1. The Superintendent shall suspend the student immediately.
2. The Superintendent shall report the incident to the Board President promptly.
3. Based upon further investigation, the Superintendent will determine whether the student should be reported to law enforcement officials.

The Superintendent, based upon further investigation, shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

## **Section 8000 – Students**

8255 Terroristic Threats/Acts

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If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, the Board may require that the student provide competent and credible evidence that the student does not pose a risk of harm to others prior to reinstatement.

See also: Policy 8350 - Student Suspension and Expulsion and Policy 8260 – Bullying.

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LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1308; Statewide School Safety Information Policy