

STUDENT DISCIPLINE**(Threats of Death or Great Bodily Injury by Students)**

Threats of death or violence have serious implications and will not be tolerated. Students who are found to have directly threatened death or great bodily injury towards another student or staff member within the school premises or related activities will be subject to disciplinary action.

This policy applies to all students enrolled in Alamogordo Public Schools from pre-kindergarten (PK) through twelfth (12th) grade.

A threat is considered a direct statement, gesture, or communication that explicitly conveys an intention to cause harm, including death or great bodily injury, to another individual. This includes threats made in person, in writing, over electronic communication channels, or through any other means.

Any student or staff member who becomes aware of a threat must immediately report it to a teacher, school administrator, counselor, or any other responsible adult.

Upon receiving a report of a threat, the school administration will conduct a thorough and impartial investigation to determine the validity of the threat. The investigation may involve interviews, collection of evidence, and consultation with appropriate authorities if necessary.

If a student is found to have made a direct threat of death or great bodily injury toward another student or staff member, the following consequences will be implemented:

- ***Pre-kindergarten (PK) through second (2nd) grade:***
 - ***First Offense:*** A meeting will be held with the student, their parents/guardians, teacher, and principal. The student will be given a strong verbal warning about the severity of their behavior, and a mental health assessment will be conducted. The student will be suspended for up to five (5) days if the threat is deemed valid.
 - ***Second Offense:*** A two (2)-week to six (6)-month out-of-school suspension will be determined based on the evidence. The student will undergo a mental health assessment by a licensed mental health professional to ensure he/she is not a threat to others and will attend mandatory counseling sessions. A conference with parents/guardians, teacher, principal, and school counselor will be convened to discuss the situation and any protocols regarding return to school.

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- ***Third (3rd) through fifth (5th) grade:***
 - *First Offense:* A two (2)-week out-of-school suspension. The student will undergo a mental health assessment by a licensed mental health professional to ensure he/she is not a threat to others and will attend a mandatory counseling session. A conference with parents/guardians, teacher, principal, and school counselor will be convened to determine protocols regarding return to school.
 - *Second Offense:* The student will be expelled.
- ***Sixth (6th) through twelfth (12th) grade:***
 - *First Offense:* A two (2)-week out-of-school suspension. The student will undergo a mental health assessment by a licensed mental health professional to ensure he/she is not a threat to others and will attend mandatory counseling sessions. A conference with parents/guardians, teacher, principal, and school counselor will be convened to discuss protocols upon return to school.
 - *Second Offense:* The student will be expelled.

This regulation will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Changes will be made as needed to address emerging issues and align with best practices.

The effective education of our students requires a school environment in which students feel safe and secure. The Board of Education is committed to maintaining an environment conducive to learning in which students are safe from threats of violence or great bodily injury.