DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

443.7

THREATS TO OR BY STUDENTS

The School Board shall not tolerate threats to or by students during the school day, on school premises, including school buses, or during school-sponsored activities held on or off school premises. Threats include any speech or other actions that are serious expressions of intent to cause present or future harm to staff members, other students and/or school property.

Any threats to or by students shall be reported to the adult in charge and to the building principal. The principal shall notify the District Administrator. District employees shall act with discretion in giving out the names of any informants.

The principal or designee shall decide whether to report incidents of threats to law enforcement officials and/or juvenile authorities with consideration given to the context in which the threat was delivered. Threats that predict severe physical harm or loss of life, accompanied by malicious intent, shall always be reported to law enforcement and, if appropriate, juvenile authorities.

Threats that originate off school premises and outside of the school's control may be subject to the provisions of this policy if the threat is determined to be substantially disruptive to the educational process or to impinge on the rights of others.

This policy also prohibits retaliation of any kind against any student or staff member reporting an incident of a threat or assisting in the investigation of a reported incident.

Any student violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policies and district procedures including, but are not limited to, suspension and expulsion.

Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede time lines or procedures specified in other District policies or applicable legally mandated time lines or processes when addressing threats related to student discrimination and harassment, employee discrimination and harassment, special education, extra-curricular rules and regulations or child abuse.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.13(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes
121.02(1) (i)

CROSS REF.:
347, Student Records
443-Rule, Code of Classroom Conduct
443.8, Gangs and Gang-Related Behavior
445, Student Interviews with Law Enforcement
446.1, Locker Searches
447, Student Discipline
720, School Safety Program
School Safety Plans

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