

Bomb Threats

Any time a bomb threat occurs, it is a significant concern for the school. Whether the threat is real or a hoax, a bomb threat represents a potential danger to the safety and welfare of the students, staff, and school property.

Immediate authority to deal with the issue of a bomb threat is assigned to the principal or, in his/her absence, his/her designee who shall be in consultation with the superintendent. In the superintendent's absence, his/her assistant superintendent shall be consulted.

Any bomb threat will be regarded as a serious matter and will be treated accordingly. In the event a bomb threat is made, the following procedures shall be followed:

- ✓ The person receiving the call or message or observes the threat shall immediately notify the principal or in the absence of the principal the principal's designee.
- ✓ The principal or designee will contact through 911 emergency authorities.
- ✓ The principal or designee, with the assistance of appropriate staff, will immediately assess, analyze, and determine the imminent danger of the situation in order to determine an appropriate response.
- ✓ If circumstances warrant, the principal or designee may act with or without the advice of the police, fire or emergency medical service personnel. The principal's authority to act is not predicated on approval of the police or fire department nor of the superintendent of schools.

The principal will ensure that appropriate staff is trained to react constructively to a bomb threat. School personnel will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials during the investigation.

Making a bomb threat is a crime. Any student suspected of making a bomb threat will be reported to law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution.

Legal Reference:

RSA 158:9, Possession of Explosives
RSA 644, Breaches of the Peace and Related Offenses

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