

BOMB THREATS

The School Board will not tolerate any action by any person that seriously disrupts or threatens to disrupt the educational process. Of particular concern to the Board is the making of a threat that a bomb or other explosive device has been placed in a school.

Therefore, the board will take all legal remedies and actions against any person apprehended and proven to have made such a threat. Further, the board directs that the Superintendent implement the procedures outlined in the Student Disciplinary Code and New Hampshire Statute and federal statute regarding violation of Safe School Zones against any student of the district who has been apprehended and proven to have made such a threat. Upon a recommendation by the Superintendent, following a due process hearing by the School Board, the student so charged may be expelled from school for either the balance of the semester or for the balance of the school year.

Procedures

In the event of a call or notice to the effect that a bomb has been placed in a school or any other building or establishment, the following procedures are recommended:

- Immediate evacuation of the school or building(s).
- If the call was not received originally by the fire and police departments, their immediate notification is required. Both departments should respond.
- A search of the building or premises should be conducted only under the direction of the senior officer present from either protective department.
- Circumstances will dictate whether any strange or foreign objects should be removed immediately or left for removal by a qualified person.
- If a thorough search has been conducted and nothing found, the Principal of the school or building should be notified by the senior member of the local protective department that reentry will be permitted.
- Investigation of the incident should be made by the local police department assisted by the State Fire Marshal's office, if requested.

Any decision concerning the dismissal of school pupils and subsequent action after the above procedures have been followed is the prerogative of the Superintendent (or his/her designee) or the School Board.

Legal References:

RSA 158:9, Possession of Explosives

RSA 644, Breaches of the Peace and Related Offenses

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