

There is also much in this policy about the due process rights and privacy rights of the student. There are times when it is found that the allegations are unfounded or fabricated. In a district of 3,000 students, we deal with everything from the elementary age student who shouts threats in anger, to students who are serious threats of doing harm to themselves and others. In every case, minor students will be given the right of privacy, though they will be removed from situations until appropriate assessments can be made. These situations happen rather frequently, with over ten reaching the office of the superintendent in the past year. In most cases, nobody outside of the students and parents directly involved in an incident will be notified by the school. We see no need to cause our students and their families excessive concern when perpetrators have been removed and our procedures to assure a safe environment are solidly in place.

No student will be returned to school who is deemed to be a danger to others. Any student with repeat offenses goes through the process again and it is generally the case that such students are unable to return at any time, but certainly not without a detailed behavior plan, created by school, mental health, and law enforcement professionals.

We have followed these procedures for many years and they have served us well. Threats have been dealt with and more often, students who have behaved foolishly...and their parents have walked away more educated about those actions that will not be allowed in our schools. As with our most recent incidents, it is critical that students are taught to report those things which they see or hear that can be interpreted as threats. Thank you for helping us reinforce the importance of this practice!

We appreciate your support as we continue to do everything possible to assure the safety of our students and staff!

~Superintendent Styler