

HOOKSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT
FALSE ALARMS, BOMB, ACTIVE SHOOTER, AND OTHER SAFETY THREATS

The Board recognizes that false alarms, and bomb, active shooter or other such violent threats are a significant concern to the schools. Whether the threat is real or a hoax, fire, explosion, active shooter, explosive device, biological or chemical substance, or other catastrophic emergency represents a potential danger to the safety and welfare of students, staff, and school property.

Making such threats or false alarms will be deemed a violation of the applicable code of conduct, with potential disciplinary action, and will be referred to law enforcement for potential criminal prosecution.

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

1. Law Enforcement authorities shall be notified immediately.
2. Simultaneously, the Superintendent shall be notified. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall make a determination as to whether an immediate evacuation of school buildings is required in accordance with the District Crisis Prevention and Response Plan.
3. Any decision to re-enter the school or buildings after an evacuation will be made by the Superintendent, or designee, and only after such clearance has been given by the appropriate law enforcement agency.
4. An investigation of the threat should be made by local law enforcement authorities or applicable state department.
5. The Superintendent or her/his designee will communicate the occurrence of any threat under this policy to the parents of any students in the affected building, whether or not a full evacuation occurred EITHER in accordance with the District Crisis Prevention and Response Plan OR the District Communication Plan OR as soon as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Making a threat is a crime. As such, any person found to have made a threat will be subject to arrest and prosecution according to law. Any student suspected of making a threat will be reported to law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution. Apart from any penalty imposed by law, and without regard to the existence or status of criminal charges, a student who makes a threat shall be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

Legal References:

RSA 158:9, RSA 644-a False Fire Alarms, RSA 644:3 False Public Alarms

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