



PINEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

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Dear parent(s):

Safety is one of the most pressing concerns for schools today, especially with the escalation of threats or the follow-through of violence on school employees and/or students. Our district has an obligation to provide a safe learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff.

It is unfortunate that an increase in threats involving students and staff members has led to new legislations regarding “terroristic threatening”. We are required to provide parents and guardians with information regarding terroristic threatening. In accordance with the law, schools/districts are required to pursue immediate legal charges for felony terroristic threatening in the second degree. The school must act in accordance with the law with the collaboration of law enforcement.

The definition of Terroristic Threatening in the second degree is found in state law (KRS 508.078)

- (1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:
 - b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:
 1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-sanctioned activity;
 2. Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or
 3. Creating fear or serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel.

Any threats to school students or staff are intolerable and punishable by law by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or up to \$10,000 fine. (KRS 532.020).

KRS 158.1559 mandates that we provide you with written notice of the following statutes: KRS 508.078, 532.060, and 534.030. These three statutes, as well as the one requiring our school to provide this information, are attached for you to access and read. You may contact the school or district with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Catrina McDermott



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<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=48496>

158.1559 Superintendent of each local school district shall require the principal of each school within the district to provide written notice to all students, parents, and guardians about the provisions of KRS 508.078, and the potential penalties for terroristic threatening -- Notice shall be given within ten days of the first instructional day of each school year.

The superintendent of each local school district shall require the principal of each school within the district to provide written notice to all students, parents, and guardians of students within ten (10) days of the first instructional day of each school year of the provisions of KRS 508.078 and potential penalties under KRS 532.060 and 534.030 upon conviction.

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