

### THREATS OF VIOLENCE WITH A WEAPON

The Township of Franklin Board of Education is committed to providing a safe school environment for all pupils attending the public schools. Any pupil who threatens bodily harm to another pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school district employee with a weapon or dangerous instrument, as defined in Policy 5131.7, on school property, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored function, will be immediately removed from the school=s regular education program pending an evaluation by the district child study team and/or an evaluation by a clinical psychologist. The principal shall thoroughly investigate all alleged threats of bodily harm with a weapon or dangerous instrument and make the final determination as to the substantiation of the alleged threat. Upon substantiating the alleged threat the principal shall immediately notify the Township of Franklin Police Department, the Superintendent, and the parent of the intended victim of the incident. The principal shall also notify the parents of the pupils in the respective school building regarding the incident. The Superintendent shall notify the members of the Board of Education.

The pupil shall be suspended from school in accordance with Regulation 5144 - Discipline Guidelines. Upon return to school from the suspension, the pupil will not be permitted to possess a book bag or similar appliance which might be utilized to conceal a weapon or other dangerous instrument. This restriction shall be in effect until the pupil ceases to be enrolled in the school district.

The Superintendent, after consultation with appropriate parties, shall determine whether the pupil is prepared to return to the regular education program or whether the pupil remains in an alternative education program or other educational placement. The Superintendent=s decision shall be made in accordance with school district policy and New Jersey Administrative Code. If the pupil is disabled, the pupil=s placement is determined by the child study team and the pupil=s parent or legal guardian in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:28 et seq., Special Education.

If a pupil is removed from the regular education program and a placement in an approved alternative education program is not available, or if the Superintendent determines that it is not in the best interest of the pupil and the school to modify the conditions for the removal and placement of the pupil, the school district may consider and provide home instruction, home schooling, distance learning or another program completion option.

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#### Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-1	Corporal punishment
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:25-2	Authority over pupils
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:37-2	Causes for suspension or expulsion of pupils
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:37-4	Suspension of pupils by teacher or principal
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:37-5	Continuation of suspension; Reinstatement or Expulsion

POLICY

File Code: 5131.8

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*5114	Suspension and expulsion
	*5131	Conduct/discipline
	*5131.62	Drug-free school zones
	*5145.5	Substance abuse
	*5145.11	Questioning and apprehension
	*5145.12	Search and seizure

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.