

# POLICY JICL

## Las Cruces Public Schools

**Related Entries:** JICL-R, JI, JI-R, JICF, JICF-R, JICKFA, JICFA-R, JICFB, JICFB-R, JICK, JICK-R, JICKA, JICKA-R

**Responsible Office:** Deputy Superintendent

### THREAT OF VIOLENCE BY STUDENTS

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to establish processes related to threats of violence by students and to maintain the safety of all students and staff.

#### II. BACKGROUND

- A. The LCPS Board of Education believes that all schools should be institutions of learning, free from all forms of violence or threats of violence. In the occasion when a student is the source of threats of violence, even if the violence is against him/herself, appropriate and immediate measures should be taken in order to protect the lives of students and staff.
- B. The Board also believes that proactive measures for prevention of school violence shall be utilized, whenever possible.
- C. This Policy seeks to protect students on all LCPS campuses and facilities and during all school-related and extracurricular activities.

#### III. POSITION

- A. In cases of threats that may constitute a violation of the law, the school principal or designee, shall notify law enforcement authorities.
- B. Threats of violence by students toward other students, school staff members or school facilities are prohibited and may result in suspension or expulsion [see policy JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities] regardless of whether the student is currently, or was previously, engaged in such conduct.
- C. Threat of violence by a student against him/herself shall be reported immediately to the building principal or designee to seek immediate and appropriate intervention(s).
- D. When a student has made a credible threat of suicide and/or homicide toward another student(s), the principal or designee shall inform the parents of the student making the threat and parents of students identified as targets of the threat as soon as possible.
- E. All employees and students are required to report evidence of threats of suicide and/or violence to their building principal or designee. Any reports that are regarded as insufficiently credible to warrant investigation shall be documented stating all reasons and basis for such a conclusion.

F. This Policy may be enforced in tandem and/or concurrently with the following Policies:

1. JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities;
2. JICF –Violent, Gang, and/or Gang-like Activities;
3. JICFA – Hazing;
4. JICFB – Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, and Hostile or Offensive Conduct;
5. JICK – Sexual Harassment of Students;
6. JICKA – Student Harassment Based on Protected Characteristics.

#### IV. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*Maria A. Flores*

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*Board of Education, President*

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*Date Approved*

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