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# STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**POLICY TITLE:                THREATS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE**

**POLICY NUMBER:            5131.21**

## Students

### Threats or Acts of Violence

The Board of Education recognizes that threats or acts of violence have become a major problem in schools throughout the country among young people and, consequently, is a concern to this school system and the community it serves. The Board recognizes that threats or acts of violence are complex and that, while the school may recognize potentially at risk youth, it cannot make clinical assessment of risk and provide in-depth counseling, but must refer the youth to an appropriate place for such assessment and counseling.

Therefore, any school employee who may have knowledge of a threat or act of violence must take the proper steps to report this information to the school principal who will, in turn, notify the appropriate school officials, the student's family and police.

(cf. [5114](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5130 - Student Conduct)

(cf. [5131.7](#) - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments)

(cf. [5141.5](#) - Crisis Management)

(cf. [5141.6](#) - Safety)

(cf. 5144 -Discipline/Punishment)

(cf. 5144.2 - Use of Physical Force)

(cf. [5144.3](#) - Discipline of Students with Disabilities)

(cf. [5145.12](#) - Search and Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[4-176e](#) through [4-180a](#). Contested Cases. Notice. Record.

[10-233a](#) through [10-233f](#). Suspension, removal and expulsion of students, as amended by PA 95-304 and PA 96-244.

[53a-3](#) Definitions.

[53a-217b](#) Possession of Firearms and Deadly Weapons on School Grounds.

PA 94-221 An Act Concerning School Discipline and Safety.

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GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, Pub. L. 103-227.

18 U.S.C. 921 Definitions.

Title III - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Sec. 314 (Local Control Over Violence)

Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 as amended by the Gun Free Schools Act of 1994

P.L. 105-17 The Individuals with Disabilities Act, Amendment of 1997.