

Soaring Heights Charter School

Policy Prohibiting Threats of Violence

Students are prohibited from making remarks and/or gestures which threaten violence or which use the following or similar words: kill, die, murder, shoot, gun, knife, stab, blow-up and choke. Such remarks shall not be directed at a specific individual or a group of individuals while students attend Soaring Heights Charter School.

Should a remark and/or gesture threatening violence occur, the school will take firm action beginning with a thorough investigation. If the child making the threat is 10 years of age or over, the child's parents will be advised, and the police may be notified. In addition, the following action will be taken:

First Offense: The child will receive up to 5 days out of school suspension, and there will be a meeting with school authorities and the family. After administrative review, law enforcement authorities may be contacted. When necessary, the child will be referred to a local mental health agency to determine if there is a need for counseling.

Second Offense: The child will receive up to 10 days out of school suspension, and there will be a meeting with school authorities and the family. After administrative review, law enforcement authorities may be contacted. When necessary, the child will be referred to a local mental health agency to determine if there is a need for counseling.

Third Offense: The child will receive up to 10 days out of school suspension, and there will be a meeting with school authorities and the family. After administrative review, law enforcement authorities may be contacted. The child will be referred to a local mental health agency with the expectation that he/she will enter the therapeutic process.

If the child is under 10 years of age, the following action will be taken:

First Offense: The child will receive up to 2 days out of school suspension, and school authorities will meet with the parents.

Second Offense: The child will receive up to 5 days out of school suspension and may be referred to a local mental health agency to determine if there is a need for counseling.

Third Offense: The child will receive up to 10 days out of school suspension and law enforcement authorities may be contacted. The child will be referred to a local mental health agency with the expectation that he/she will enter the therapeutic process.

Soaring Heights Charter School considers threats of violence an extremely serious matter and will not allow such threats to take place in the learning environment. We request the cooperation of parents/guardians and ask them to make sure their children know that threats of violence will not be tolerated.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date