

Our most important function in Owen County School District is to provide the safest learning environment possible for all of our students and school staff members. Threats to our students and school staff are totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. School district officials (in coordination with responding law enforcement agencies) will pursue immediate legal charges for felony terroristic threatening in the second degree, to the absolute fullest extent of the law, against anyone who makes such threats, including students, as dictated by KRS 508.078. It is not necessary for an individual to have a plan, or to have taken any action in connection with the threat, to be criminally charged. Terroristic Threatening in the Second Degree is a “Class D” felony that carries a sentence of less than one, nor more than five years in prison for persons charged as adults. When coupled with substantial conduct to prepare for or carry out the threatened act. Terroristic Threatening in the second degree is a “Class C” felony carrying a sentence of not less than five, nor more than 10 years in prison for persons charged as adults. Class C and Class D felonies also carry fines of \$1,000 to \$ 10,000. Persons charged as minor are subject to confinement in juvenile detention facility, probation, and fines.

**Terroristic Threatening in the second degree is defined 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 of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel**