

Preventing Dangerous Situations in School Academy

(Middle/High School)

Impact of Threats and Intimidation

THE LAW

Threats & Intimidation



A.R.S. 13-2911: INTERFERENCE WITH OR DISRUPTION OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

- (a) Threatening to cause physical injury to any employee of or any person attending an educational institution.
- (b) Threatening to cause damage to any educational institution, property of any educational institution, or property of any person attending an educational institution.
2. Knowingly goes onto or remains on the property of an educational institution for the purpose of interfering with or disrupting the lawful use of the property, or in any manner that interferes with the lawful use of the property by others.
 3. Knowingly refuses to obey a lawful order to leave the property by a school official, officer or employee of an educational institutional.

A person found to be in violation of this law as described in paragraphs a or b above may be charged with a Class 6 Felony. It does not matter if the above actions were not directed to any specific individual, educational institution or property of an educational institutional.

A person found to be in violation of this law as described in paragraphs 2 or 3 above may be charged with a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

A.R.S. 15-841: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUPILS

In addition to the existing reasons for expulsion, a school district or charter school is now required to expel from school for at least one year, a pupil who is determined to have violated any section of this statute. A school district or charter school may modify the expulsion requirement on a case by case basis if the pupil participates in a mediation, community service, restitution or other programs in which the pupil takes responsibility for the results of the threat. A parent or guardian may also be required to participate in mediation, community service, restitution or other programs in which the parent or guardian takes responsibility with the pupil for the threat. A school district may also reassign a pupil to an alternative education program.

A.R.S. 13-1202: THREATENING OR INTIMIDATING

A. A person commits threatening or intimidating if the person threatens or intimidates by word or conduct:

1. To cause physical injury to another person or serious damage to the property of another; or
2. To cause, or in reckless disregard to causing, serious public inconvenience including, but not limited to, evacuation of a building, place of assembly or transportation facility; or
3. To cause physical injury to another person or damage to the property of another in order to promote, further or assist in the interests of or to cause, induce or solicit another person to participate in a criminal street gang, a criminal syndicate or a racketeering enterprise.

B. Threatening or intimidating pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 or 2 is a class 1 misdemeanor, except that it is a class 6 felony if:

1. The offense is committed in retaliation for a victim's either reporting criminal activity or being involved in an organization, other than a law enforcement agency, that is established for the purpose of reporting or preventing criminal activity.
2. The person is a criminal street gang member.

C. Threatening or intimidating pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 3 is a class 3 felony.

