



UCP CHARTER SCHOOLS

FortifyFL Parent Training Course

Note for Parents & Students

Note for Parents:

The Florida Commissioner of Education is requiring we make a training available for parents and guardians of students that includes the consequences for making a threat or false report via FortifyFL involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity. The course has been made available to all parents and guardians

Students,

There has been an increase in students making threats. Regardless of whether it is verbal or non-verbal, on social media, via text, or in person, making threats to schools or individuals by any means, comes with severe consequences. Because of the increase, this Threats and Weapons Information course is an addition to the 2024-25 Code of Student Conduct you took earlier in the year. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of all our students and staff. Anything that jeopardizes the safety of our students or causes a disruption to the school environment will not be tolerated.

To ensure everyone's safety, we want to make sure you understand the consequences of making threats or possessing weapons. In addition, spreading rumors or reposting any information through social media that causes a disruption to the school environment will not be tolerated. If you see or hear anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or concerned, tell a trusted adult at school right away. If it is after school or on the weekend, contact FortifyFL.

We urge you to take this information seriously and make responsible choices.



FortifyFL

How to report Suspicious Activity

Who gets the tips when submitted?

- The School Identified (Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean)
- The School District (multiple district staff)
- Local Law Enforcement – SJSO (Law enforcement must acknowledge tips within 30 minutes or continue to receive every 15 minutes.)
- State Level Officials (FDOE Office of Safe Schools have access.)
- All relevant users receive tips simultaneously.
- Tips can be received through email, text, or phone depending on how you set up your profile.

Making Threats or False Tips

Consequences Course

Submitting False Tips – Section 837.05

- Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under Section 837.05, F.S. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.
- Except as provided in paragraph (b) or subsection (2), a person who knowingly gives false information to a law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of any crime, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#).
- (b) A person who commits a violation of paragraph (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#), if the person has previously been convicted of a violation of paragraph (a) and subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. applies:
 - 1. The information the person gave to the law enforcement officer was communicated orally and the officer's account of that information is corroborated by:
 - a. An audio recording or audio recording in a video of that information;
 - b. A written or recorded statement made by the person who gave that information; or
 - c. Another person who was present when that person gave that information to the officer and heard that information.
 - 2. The information the person gave to the law enforcement officer was communicated in writing.
- (2) A person who knowingly gives false information to a law enforcement officer concerning the alleged commission of a capital felony, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#).

Threats/Intimidations

4C - Threats / Intimidation is a Level IV Offense

- Level IV offenses are the most serious. If you commit one of these offenses, you will be suspended from school and recommended for expulsion.

Offense	Code Definition	Simplified Definition	Consequence
Threat / Intimidation	An incident where there was no physical contact between the offender and victim, but the victim reasonably believed that physical harm could have occurred based on verbal threats of physical harm, which are made in person, electronically, or through any other means. Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.0017 Links to an external site.	<p>•Saying something or acting in a way that makes another person feel like they might get hurt, even though no one actually touched them. This could be through words or actions that make them think they might be harmed. It doesn't matter if these threats are said face-to-face, online, or any other way.</p> <p><i>This includes but is not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Threatening to harm someone and planning how to do it or trying to do it</i>• <i>A social media post with a weapon involved that generates an alert of FortifyFL or District Security</i>• <i>If the threat causes a hold, lockdown, or community concern</i>	<p><u>K-12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation for expulsion. <p><i>*Expulsion means you cannot attend any public, alternative, or charter school for a minimum of 180 days.</i></p>

Threats to a School- ZERO TOLERANCE

4E - Threats to School - is a Level IV Offense. ZERO TOLERANCE

Level IV offenses are the most serious. If you commit one of these offenses, you will be suspended from school and recommended for expulsion.

Offense	Code Definition	Simplified Definition	Consequence
Threats to School There is ZERO TOLERANCE for threats to school.	Making a threat or false report of a threat that involves the school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity. This is a zero-tolerance offense under Section 1006.13 Links to an external site. , Florida Statutes. This offense includes, but is not limited to, threats to throw, project, place, or discharge any destructive device; false reports concerning planting a bomb, an explosive, or weapon of mass destruction, or concerning the use of firearms in a violent manner.	•Saying or doing something that threatens the school, school bus, or school activity that may be said out loud, hinted at, or even posted online or sent in messages. <i>This may include but is not limited to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making a bomb threat or threatening to harm people• <i>Social media post that generates alert of FortifyFL or 3333 with a weapon involved</i>• <i>If the threat causes a hold, lockdown, or community concern</i>	<u>K-12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommendation for expulsion. <i>*Expulsion means you cannot attend any public, alternative, or charter school for a minimum of 180 days.</i>

Weapons Possession - Firearm

4H - Weapons Possession - Firearm

Students who are found to be in possession of a firearm on campus will be expelled for 180 days. At the end of the 180 days there will be a meeting to determine placement.

Offense	Code Definition	Simplified Definition	Consequence
Weapons Possession Firearm There is ZERO TOLERANCE for weapons possession.	Possession of a firearm or weapon, as defined by Section 790.001Links to an external site. , Florida Statutes, that can inflict serious harm on another person or that can place the person in reasonable fear of serious harm. Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.0017Links to an external site. This offense includes the following objects as defined in Section 790.001, Florida StatutesLinks to an external site. : Firearm means any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; or any machine gun. The term “firearm” does not include an antique firearm unless the antique firearm is used in the commission of a crime.” Weapon means any dirk, knife (with a blade length of 2.5 inches or more), metallic knuckles, slungshot, billie, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device	Having a gun or weapon that can seriously hurt someone or make them scared. This may include having a gun, bomb, dirk, knife with a blade that is more than 2.5 inches, slungshot, club, metal knuckles, pepper spray over 2 ounces, or other weapon that can seriously hurt someone.	K-12 • Recommendation for expulsion. • <i>*Expulsion means you cannot attend any public, alternative, or charter school for a minimum of 180 days.</i>

Other Dangerous Objects

4K - Other Dangerous Objects

Offense	Code Definition	Simplified Definition	Consequence
Other Dangerous Objects	The possession, sale, or control of any instrument or object, other than a firearm or weapon as defined under a Level 4H, Weapons Possession, which could be used to inflict harm on another person or to intimidate any person. This offense includes, but is not limited to, BB guns or pellet guns, airsoft guns, paintball guns and replicas of any gun or weapon, water/gel bead gun, chains, pipes, common household tools, razor blades, box cutter/utility knife, knives with blades 2.5 inches or less, ice picks, other pointed instruments, nunchucks, throwing stars, Taser, items used for self-defense (e.g., kubaton), ammunition, firearm clips, firearm cartridges. This offense also includes igniting fireworks/firecrackers.	Having or selling things that could hurt or scare someone. This includes things like BB guns, airsoft guns, paintball guns, something that looks like a gun, water/gel bead guns, chains, pipes, tools, razor blades, box cutters, knives with blades that are 2.5 inches or less, sharp things, nunchucks, throwing stars, items for self-defense, bullets, bullet holders, or lighting fireworks.	K-12 •Recommendation for expulsion. •* <i>Expulsion means you cannot attend any public, alternative, or charter school for a minimum of 180 days.</i>

Course Complete

You have completed the Fortify FL and Threats and Weapons Information Course

