

Student Violence/Threat Risk Assessment: Fair Notice and Process

School District No. 57 is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence.



School District No. 57 Values...

Personal responsibility

- *Relationships based upon honesty, integrity, respect and compassion*
- *Dedication and commitment*
- *An environment of belonging; safe, caring and inclusive*
- *Growth and development through learning*

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What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, among other activities:

Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm or kill others, Internet website/MSN threats to harm or kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviours. Every threat must be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated and a response and follow through report completed.

What is a threat?

- An expression of intent to do grievous harm or act out violently against someone or something.
- May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.

Schools in District No. 57 have zero tolerance for not responding to serious violence or threatening behaviours.



What is a Violence Threat/Risk Assessment Team?

The District has multi-disciplinary Violence Threat/Risk Assessment Teams. The teams may include the Threat Assessment Leader, School Principal, or Vice-Principal, School Psychologist, RCMP, Child Protection Worker, Mental Health Worker and others.

It is important for all parties to engage in the Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment process. If for some reason there is reluctance to participate in the process, by the threat-maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will still continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment for all.

What are the purposes of a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment?

The purposes of a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment are:

- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the threat-makers' behaviour
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat-maker

What happens in a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment?

The process of a Student Violence Threat/Risk Assessment:

- All threat making behaviour(s) by a student(s) shall be reported to the principal, who will activate School District No. 57's protocol.
- Interviews will be held with the student(s), the threat-maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident.
- Intervention plans will be developed.