



Student Threat Risk Assessment:

Fair Notice to students and parents/caregivers/guardians

What is a Threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to quickly and effectively.

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/caregivers, students, and community members must report all student threat-related behaviours to the school Principal/Vice-Principal. The administrators will then initiate a Student Threat Risk Assessment with the school's Threat Assessment Team.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

Each Prairie Spirit school has a site-specific Threat Assessment Team that includes the Principal/Vice-Principal, Counsellor and School Resource Officer (police). The team may also include Division leadership as well as community resources from the Ministry of Social Services, RCMP, Ministry of Justice, mental health and other agencies, as needed. Because of our shared understanding and commitment to safety, we are well equipped to intervene and respond to a student in crisis.

What student behaviours initiate a Student Threat Risk Assessment?

A Student Threat Risk Assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- verbal/written threats to harm/kill others
- online threats to harm/kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats
- fire settings
- hate motivated violence targeting a particular student/group
- sexual intimidation or assault
- chronic, pervasive, targeted bullying or harassment
- gang-related intimidation and violence

What is the purpose of a Student Threat Risk Assessment?

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents/caregivers and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To begin to understand the factors that contribute to the behaviour of the person of concern
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person of concern
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What happens in a Student Threat Risk Assessment process?

All threat making behaviour by the student shall be reported to the Principal/Vice-Principal, who will activate the protocol for the initial response.

Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the students, person of concern, parents/caregivers, and staff to determine the level of risk and to develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and monitored.

Can I refuse to participate in a Student Threat Risk Assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the person of concern or parent/caregiver, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.



We are committed to supporting safe and caring learning environments in Prairie Spirit schools.