

SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT

Policy

The Slate Valley Unified Union School District is committed to following a comprehensive approach to school safety which includes violence prevention and intervention through identification and assessment of threats.

Definitions

- A. **Threat:** A threat is a concerning communication or behavior which indicates that an individual poses a danger to the safety of students or school staff through acts of violence or other behavior that would cause harm to self or others. A threat may be communicated behaviorally, orally, visually, in writing, electronically or through any other means.
- B. **Threat Assessment:** Threat assessment is a fact-based process emphasizing an appraisal of observed or reasonably observable behaviors to identify, assess and address potentially dangerous or violent situations.

Policy Implementation

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the identification, assessment, and reporting of threats and for intervention with individuals whose behaviors pose a threat to the safety of students or school staff.

The superintendent shall establish, for each school in the School District, a threat assessment team, to identify, assess and address dangerous or violent situations which may pose a threat to the safety of students and school staff.

A threat assessment team may serve one or more schools, as determined by the superintendent.

Each threat assessment team shall:

- A. Include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, human resources and law enforcement.
- B. Provide guidance to students and school staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the school community or self;
- C. Identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported;
- D. Implement procedures for the assessment of threats and for intervention with individuals whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of students or school staff; and
- E. Follow procedures for referrals to community services or health care providers for evaluation or treatment, where appropriate.

Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement shall occur as required by school board policy and Vermont statutes.

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