



STUDENT THREAT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Parent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is a Student Threat Assessment System?

The Student Threat Assessment is a team process that focuses on factors which may influence a student to threaten and/or act in a dangerous way. The threat assessment team also provides recommendations/considerations with the goal of developing a safety and support plan for students and the school community. Threat assessment is a school-based process that parents are invited into as participants. This is different than other processes where “due process” rights mandate parent participation.

2. Why is a Threat Assessment needed for my child?

Your student has threatened and/or acted in a way that raises concern about him/her, another student, and/or the school community. Safety is a priority for our community, so a team is brought together to give problem-solving recommendations and resources for your child and family and the school community.

3. Who is involved in the threat assessment process?

Level I Screening

In a **Level I Screening** parents and school staff complete a questionnaire/interview form that asks for important information about the student’s behavior, strengths and challenges. The threat assessment screening team includes school staff members who know the student and **includes you as a parent**. Occasionally, the Level I screening will also involve the Student Threat Assessment Coordinator from Educational Service District 112. A safety and support plan is developed based on the screening information that is gathered and/or a referral is made for a Level II Assessment.

Level II Assessment

In a **Level II Threat Assessment** the threat assessment team expands to include community resources. A community team may include members from law enforcement, mental health services, juvenile court, and the Department of Children and Family Services. This team is specifically trained in threat assessment. The community team provides support and additional resources and/or links to resources. This expanded team helps develop a plan for the student with the goal of increasing safety for the student and the school community.

4. What if I disagree with the plan that is developed by the team?

As the parent you are an expert on your child and your perspective is important. The safety and support plan is developed by an experienced team and, as the parent, being open to the team’s recommendations may be a key to helping your child to be successful at school. If you disagree with the consultation provided in the Level II Threat Assessment, feel free to discuss this with the school personnel who has contacted you about this process. Decision-making regarding the Level II plan recommendations and considerations is the responsibility of the school and family.