



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

DISTRICT PRACTICE

VIOLENCE-THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

- ❖ Trained multidisciplinary teams at both the school and district level will use the *Assessing Violence Potentials: Protocol for Dealing with High-Risk Student Behaviours, Eighth Edition, August 2009*, when responding to threats;
- ❖ Each school is to review the district practice with all staff and students at the beginning of each school year as well as with the school Parent Advisory Council and provide “Fair Notice” to students and parents that each threat will be taken seriously;
- ❖ Staff who become aware of a threat or violent situation are to inform the school administration immediately;
- ❖ Students who become aware of a threat or violent situation are expected to inform a responsible adult;
- ❖ Administration is expected to take immediate action deemed necessary to ensure student and staff safety and determine if the V-TRA team needs to be activated;
- ❖ The suspension of students for engaging in threatening or violent acts is not to be a substitute for a thorough threat assessment and intervention plan; however, if it is not likely to increase the risk, suspension may be used as an interim intervention as the threat assessment is conducted and within the guidelines of the suspension policy until such time as an adequate intervention plan can be implemented as appropriate;
- ❖ School V-TRA teams will be formed to review threats to assess them as low, medium, or high, consult with outside experts, such as the RCMP, MCFD and Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society, and to develop an intervention plan;
- ❖ The school will notify the District V-TRA team leader or designate of the activation of Stage 1.

- ❖ For serious threats assessed as medium to high requiring significant interventions and protection of students and/or staff, the District V-TRA team will be activated. This team will consist of an Assistant Superintendent, a Director of Operations when appropriate, the District Principal of Student Services, a district counselor, an RCMP officer, an MCFD representative or a representative from Ktunaxa Nation Child and Family Services and a principal other than the principal of the school where the threat occurred is to be notified;
- ❖ The DV-TRA team will meet with the principal of the school involved and one other member of the school threat assessment team to review the incident, and the data collection and make recommendations for long-term intervention planning/treatment and/or risk management to the school principal and the superintendent of schools;
- ❖ If students are suspended for threat containment purposes for up to and including 5 school days until the threat assessment is completed, then interim counseling and support services are to be provided as appropriate to ensure student safety and well-being. Any recommended suspensions over 5 school days will be referred to the Student Conduct Review Committee;
- ❖ Schools are to report all threats to staff to the school-based Health and Safety Committees and the District Health and Safety Committee, outlining the incident, the assessed threat level, actions and interventions taken and planned.