

SCSD Threat Assessment Protocols

Reporting a Threat: Students may report a threat directly to any school employee. However, it is preferred that any threat be reported to the building principal or school counselor first, if possible. Threats can also be reported through the Safe2Say system at www.safe2saypa.org or by telephone at 1-844-723-2729.

Threat Assessment Teams: Each school of the school district has a Threat Assessment Team that has been trained to evaluate and respond to threats that are substantive in nature. The membership of each team consists of the following? Building principal, School counselor, school nurse, school psychologist, special education supervisor, law enforcement representative, mental health agency representative, Act 44 coordinator, and juvenile probation.

Threat Assessment Process: Once a threat is reported to the building principal or any member of each school's Threat Assessment Team, the following actions occur:

Step 1: Threat is evaluated by the Threat Assessment Team.

Step 2: Threat is categorized as either transient or substantive.

A transient threat is a threat that does not pose a realistic threat to someone else.

A substantive threat is a threat to harm another individual stated, written or issued electronically outside the context necessary to be classified as a transient threat.

Step 3: Transient threats are responded to through either disciplinary action or counseling.

Substantive threats are categorized as either serious or very serious.

Step 4: A response to serious substantive threats and/or very serious threats involves contacting law enforcement, mental health agencies and parents. In some cases, a safety plan is developed to ensure student safety.

Throughout these actions, witness interviews are held and the Threat Assessment Teams are in constant communication with law enforcement officials, mental health agencies and parents.

To learn more about the Threat Assessment Team in your child's school or to report a threat, you may contact each school's building principal:

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