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Averted School Violence: Building Your District's Capacity and Culture

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TIVA School Safety State Initiative Website



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District Safety Teams & Committees Website



Evaluations

THE DAILY NEWS

Will school shootings in 2023 outpace last year's record high?

There have been more shootings with more victims in the first three months of 2023 than the same period last year.

NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS BY SCHOOL TYPE SINCE COLUMBINE



INJURIES AND FATALITIES IN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS SINCE COLUMBINE



SOURCES: K-12 SCHOOL SHOOTING DATABASE, CENTER FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY AT NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL; THE VIOLENCE PROJECT MASS SHOOTER DATABASE



Pathway to Violence



Texas School Safety Center

Pathway to Violence





SSSP Teams' Six Pillars of Student Supports

SSSP Data Collection | June, 2023

Safe and Supportive Schools



- Campus principals should have received an email with the link on June 1, 2023, sent from <u>safeandsupportiveschoolprogram@tea.texas.gov</u>.
- All team activities for the school year are required to be reported to the agency by the June 30th deadline by campus.
- The data reporting questions are contained in a sample copy of the 2022-2023 SSSP Survey, which can be accessed <u>here</u>.







TODAY'S AGENDA



Lessons Learned



A U.S. SECRET SERVICE ANALYSIS OF PLOTS AGAINST SCHOOLS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOWELAND SECURITY UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE NATIONAL THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

Targeted school violence is preventable when <u>communities</u> identify warning signs and intervene.



STUDENT ON STUDENT HARM

LEGALLY, what constitutes a BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT?

- Assault
- Threats of self harm
- Use of weapon
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Harassment
- Dating Violence
- Stalking
- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Fighting
- Verbal Threats

Or other behaviors, *set by the district*, that could lead to

- Specific interventionsincluding mental health or behavioral supports;
 - Discipline that could include a change of placement.

Low risk behaviors,

but may need

intervention supports ?



- Marked decline in school
 performance
- Increased absenteeism
- Withdrawal | Isolation
- Sudden or dramatic change in behavior
- Sudden or dramatic change in appearance
- Drug | Alcohol use
- Emotional | Mental Health symptoms

Students were most often motivated to plan a school attack because of a grievance with classmates.



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Behavior	District Responsibility to Act
Threats of self harm	Parent notification, intervention, re-entry planning including check-in and staff/student/parent awareness/training.
Verbal Threats	A variety of discipline and intervention required depending on how the incident is coded.
Bullying/ Cyberbullying	Parent notification, victim transfer, counseling, mediation, and staff/student/parent awareness/training.
Fighting	A variety of discipline and intervention required depending on how the incident is coded.
Assault	Aggravated assault requires parent notification, victim transfer and counseling, discipline including DAEP or discretionary Expulsion, and law enforcement notification.
Use of weapon	A variety of discipline including Expulsion/DAEP placement and parent notification, law enforcement notification.
Sexual Assault	Title IX process, parent notification, victim transfer, law enforcement notification and investigation coordination.
Sexual Harassment	Title IX process, parent notification, staff/student/parent training/awareness.
Dating Violence and stalking	Title IX process, parent notification, safety plans, enforcement or alternatives to protective orders, staff/student/parent awareness/training, law enforcement notification and investigation coordination.

Students are best positioned to identify and report concerning behaviors displayed by their classmates.





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Recognizing and Reporting



Students Guidance on Behavior that poses a threat to the community, school or individual **for ALL** Purpose of SSSP + Available Supports from School / Community

Awareness

ALL Trained

How and When to Anonymously Report

Culture

Recognizing and Reporting harmful, threatening, or violent behavior

+ Students + Parents <u>Training</u> on Behavior that poses a threat to the community, school or individual

Staff

School Resource Officers (SROs) play an important role in the prevention of school violence.



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Create and Promote a Safe School Climate + Build Student|Staff Relationships

- Assess + Enhance current school climate
- Strengthen students' connectedness to school
- Build relationships with students
- Trusted Adult role model

The Path to Violence Documentary Tyler Tomlinson, Roy Police Officer | Roy High School SRO

Removing a student from school does not eliminate the risk they might pose to themselves or others.



Pathway to Violence

Implementation



Threat Assessment IS:

Threat Assessment IS NOT:

A means to

identify, assess, and manage individuals

A simple checklist of warning signs or red flags used to remove a student from school.

who are at risk for violence against themselves or others.

A means to label a student as a troublemaker and enact consequences.

A means to find "the next school shooter".

Students displaying interest in violent or hate-filled topics <u>should elicit</u> <u>immediate assessment</u> and

intervention.





1/3 Conducted Research into prior mass attackers

Displayed interest in
 Hitler, Nazism, and/or white supremacy

Many Particular interest in Columbine High School attack.



Things to Consider

Once emergency has been contained — Complete a full threat assessment.

Imminent danger or safety concern — Immediately notify law enforcement.

Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP), 504 Plan, Individualized Education Program (IEP), and/or Health Plan? Notify school staff to see if this is baseline behavior. If not, continue with this process.

Sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or domestic violence assault, ______ notify the <u>District's Title IX Coordinator</u> immediately.

KEY QUESTIONS to Guide Data Collection in a Behavior Threat Assessment (TxSSC)

- 1. What are the student's motive(s) and goals?
- 2. Have there been any communications suggesting ideas or intent of attack?
- 3. Has the subject shown inappropriate interest in any of the following?
 - School attacks or attackers
 - Weapons (including recent acquisition of any relevant weapon)
 - Incidents of mass violence (terrorism workplace violence, mass murderers)
- 4. Has the student engaged in attack-related behaviors?
 - Developing an attack idea or plan
 - Making efforts to acquire or practice with weapons
 - Casing, or checking out, possible sites and areas of attack
 - Rehearsing attacks or ambushes
- 5. Does the student have the capacity to carry out an act of targeted violence?

- 6. Is the student experiencing hopelessness, desperation, and/or despair?
- 7. Does the student have a trusting relationship with at least one responsible adult?
- 8. Does the student see violence as an acceptable, desirable, or only way to solve problems?
- 9. Is the student's conversation and "story" consistent with his or her actions?
 - Does information from collateral interviews and from the student's own behavior confirm or dispute what the student says is going on?

10. Are other people concerned about the student's potential for violence?

11. What circumstances might affect the likelihood of an attack?

 What factors in the student's life and/or environment might increase or decrease the likelihood that the student will attempt to mount an attack at school?

Schools should seek to <u>intervene</u> with students <u>before</u> their behavior warrants legal consequences.





SSSP Teams' Six Pillars of Student Supports



SSSP Team

School Administration



Rethink Interventions



Finding Intervention Resources








Assessing Risk Informs Interventions



Develop Intervention Options

Student <u>AT-RISK</u> for Violent Behavior

Identify resources and points of contact to assist targets + victims.

- Peer support programs Therapeutic counseling
- □ Life skills classes
- Tutoring in specific academic subjects
- Mental health care
- *Access to community resources*

*Parent Approval Required

Create a situation that is less prone to violence.

- Ask family and law enforcement to block student's access to weapons
- Connect student to positive, prosocial models of behavior
- Removal from campus for a time, maintain relationship with S+P

*Parent Approval Required

Reduce the effect of stressors.

- Provide resources help student manage and overcome negative events, setbacks, and challenges.
- Remove or redirect student's motive
 - Bully prevention
 efforts
 - Offer counseling

*Parent Approval Required

Reference: ENHANCING SCHOOL SAFETY USING A THREAT ASSESSMENT MODEL

Develop Intervention Options

Student <u>NOT AT-RISK</u> for Violent Behavior

Monitoring and guidance to cope with losses
 Develop resiliency skills to overcome setbacks
 Learn more appropriate strategies to manage emotions

Parents still need to be notified.

The role of parents and families in recognizing concerning behavior is critical to prevention.



Required Communication with Case Management

- Always inform Parents | Guardians of the needs of their child.
- Always follow District policies concerning informing and involving parents.
- Report immediately to the Superintendent SSSP Team's determination that a student or other individual poses a serious risk of violence to self or others. [TEC 37.115(h)]
- Follow district's suicide prevention program upon identifying a student at risk of suicide. [TEC 37.115(i)]

- Follow district policies and procedures related to substance use prevention and intervention upon identifying a student using or possessing tobacco, drugs, or alcohol. [TEC 37.115(j)]
- Written consent from Parent | Guardian to_provide a mental health care service to a student < 18 [TEC 37.115(g)]</p>
- As needed, refer individual for Full and Individual Evaluation (FIE) for Special Education services.
- Create Re-entry plans for suicidal ideation, mental health stay, or discipline removal.

Student Re-Entry Plan Required to return to School

Mandated Supports



Procedures to support <u>return of student</u> to school following <u>hospitalization</u> or <u>residential treatment</u> for a mental health condition or substance abuse; and

For <u>suicide</u> prevention, intervention, and postvention.

TEA |<u>School</u> <u>MH Practice</u> <u>Guide and</u> <u>Toolkit</u>

MTSS Tier 3 (Intensive supports) -<u>Support student and consult</u> with family regarding case coordination with physician or care provider.

Develop procedures to support student following hospitalization | residential treatment for MH, substance abuse, suicide prevention, and DAEP.





Resources Implementation Help



Where can you find State Requirements for School Safety?



Are there forms to assist Districts with Case Management?

TEA Sample DAEP Transition & Parent Transition Forms

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mple ISD DAEP Transition Plan	
EPARING FOR RETURN TO HOME CAMPUS	
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What were the results of this sharge?	What were the results of this charge?
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1. What went differently while at OAEP?	
4. Hew can I set those differences up at my home campu	47
 What is my higgest cancernation the bianation back 	to home campus?
6. What I wish my hanve campus staff knew about me	
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What do I need to get up to achieve this applies in my he	



TITLE IV

Support for Returning to School <u>Click Image</u>

	Element 1: Overview
	Element 2: Leadership
	Element 3: Key Components
	Element 4: Well Trained Students and Staff
	Element 5: Screening, Assessment, Notificatio Safety Planning, Referral & Return to School Procedures for the Suicidal Student
	Element 6: Pathway to Care
Suicide SAFER Schools	Element 7: Caring for the Caregiver
Suicide SAI En Schools	Element 8: Suicide Postvention in Schools
Regis	ster Now
How to Use Texas Advancing	Suicide Safer Schools Roadmap™

TEA Toolkits

- <u>TEA Texas School Mental</u> <u>Health</u>
- <u>TEA Mental Health and</u> <u>Behavioral Health</u>
- <u>TEA Suicide Prevention</u>,
 <u>Intervention</u>, and Postvention
- <u>TEA Substance Abuse</u>
 <u>Prevention and Intervention</u>

What Websites and Resources do TEA & TASB provide?

Safe and Supportive Schools



Legal Services

TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER

OPERATIONALIZING SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT FAQs

Since 2019, Texas law has required that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools have access to Safe and Supportive School Teams (SSSTs) to conduct behavioral threat assessments (BTA) and provide support to campuses. SSST members who have completed training and are working to operationalize the threat assessment procedures at their campuses frequently contact. The Texas School Safety Center (TASSC) with questions about this process. School officials also call the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) with policy-related questions. Together, we answer some of the most common questions below.

Establishing a Safe and Supportive School Team



Implementing the Behavioral Threat Assessment Process

The Texas School Safety Center(TxSSC) has developed <u>Model Policies and Procedures</u> for Behavioral Threat Assessment and Safe and Supportive School Program (SSSP) Teams. The TxSSC document and this guidance document should be used in the establishment and operation of each SSSP team.

Establishment of the Safe and Supportive School Program Team

In accordance with Texas Education Code (TCC), 937.13(5)(a SSP team must be established by the board of trusters to serve each campa with the school district. The number of SSP teams and the number of district. The SSP team is a mitoticoplinary team composed of individuals with a broad range of expertise with the responsibility of implementing the district SSP. Apprint of negativity. The school district. The SSP team is a mitoticoplinary team composed of individuals with a broad range of expertise with the responsibility of implementing the district SSP. Apprint of negativity. The school conducting behavioral threat assessments and determining the best course of action to support an individual who made a threat and the victims of the threat.

To ensure continuity of SSSP team operations, the team should annually review the following considerations:

- How does the district ensure all the areas of expertise specified in TEC, §37.115(d) are represented? How does the team document areas of expertise that are missing from the team including the reason they are not represented?
- How does the team replace expertise area vacancies on the team created through attrition or other circumstances?
- What is the process for ensuring all team members attend threat assessment training provided by the TsSSC or a regional education service center (ESC)? What procedure exists for collecting and maintaining the training certificate?
- How have the following been developed, systematized and communicated to each team member so that a common understanding exists?
- The designated role of each team member
- Signs of behaviors that pose a threat
- The threat reporting mechanisms developed by the local education agency
 Resources available to support students who made the threat and those who were targets of the
- Resources available to support students who made the threat and those who were targets of the threat
- Annual training provided to staff, students, and community stakeholders regarding the signs of behaviors that pose a threat, the reporting mechanisms, and the responsibility to report the behavior
- The process for documenting threat reports and threat assessments, and the method for maintaining and storing such documents The wave and two ed threat assessment information that can be communicated to school staff.
- Ine way and type of threat assessment information that can be communicated to school staff, between other campuses within the district, and with outside entities including districts that receive the student after a threat has been reported
- The data that must be reported to the TEA at the end of the school year and the way that the data will be collected, maintained, and stored
- How often does the team meet at regularly calendared intervals, to review student support plans, practice conducting scenario-based threat assessments, and to review available resources to support students?

SSSP Guidance - Implementing the Behavior Threat Assessment Process



Images are linkable

TEA's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Resources

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Multi-Tiered System of Support	
School Climate	•
Academic Support	•
Behavioral Health and Mental Health	▼
Integrated Student Supports	V
Threat Assessment and Safe and Supportive School Program Team	v
Behavior Support	V
Crisis Preparedness and Response	•
<u>School Safety</u>	•

Is there a website to keep up with Safety Teams and requirements?



TITLE IV Region 14 Education Service Center **Texas Education Agence** Safe and Supportive School Program Team Getting Started/Team Members **Team Training Requirements** \sim **Team Responsibilities** Reporting to TEA / Annual Timeline **Common Terms** Sources and Resources V Texas Education Code TASB Legal/Local Policy **Title IVA Considerations with SSSP** About SSSP Threat Assessment Downloadable PDF SSSP TEAM Promotes Builds Conducts Ensures Collects Supports a positive multi-tiered behavioral staff is well data to systems of trained continuous planning and support ssessment nplementatio

Where can I find Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) **Resources**?



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What are Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCG)?





Community Resource Coordination Groups (CRCGs) are county-based groups local partners and community members that work with parents, caregivers, yo and adults to identify and coordinate services and supports, including behavior health, basic needs and caregiver support. They help people whose needs can met by one single agency and who would benefit from interagency coordinati

Find Resources Near Me

If you are looking for resources for yourself or someone else, below you will find information and resources for a variety of needs. If you are unable to find a resource that may be beneficial to you, contact the <u>State CRCG Office</u> for help.

- + Social Services Directory
- + Mental Health
- + Suicide Prevention
- + Education and Family Support
- + Benefits



What can Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX) do for me?



Where can I learn more about the U.S. Secret Service *Behavior Threat Assessment* Model? And more averted violence cases?







<u>Link</u>









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