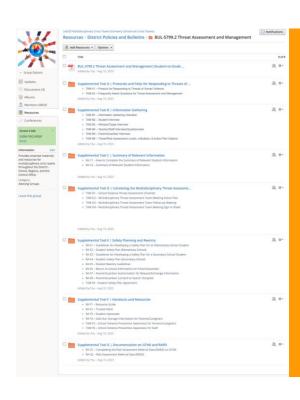
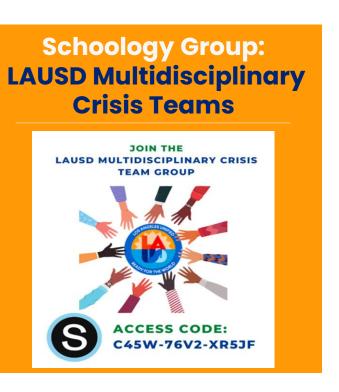


Threat Assessment & Management

A guide to BUL-5799.2 - Threat Assessment & Management





Objectives



- Understand California Education Code §49390-49395
- Understand District protocol and guidelines for responding to students who may be homicidal
- Become familiar with the Four Stages of the Threat Assessment process

POLICY UPDATES



- California Education Code §49390-49395
- SPIP, TAM, and RA Supplemental Tools
- Student Gatekeeper ——> Student Upstander
- Safe Gun Storage Information for Parents/Caregivers

•• CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE §49390-49395 ••

II. EMPLOYEES AS MANDATED REPORTERS OF STUDENT THREATS OR PERCEIVED THREATS

- A. <u>In accordance with California Education Code §49390-49395, all employees are mandated reporters of student threats or perceived threats to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity.</u>
 - An employee who is alerted to or observes any student threat or perceived threat to commit homicide, must immediately report the threat or perceived threat to the Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD) at (213) 625-6631 or local law enforcement, as well as the site administrator.

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• CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE §49390-49395 • •



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY BULLETIN

- a. A threat or perceived threat means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual.
- Reasonable suspicion means articulable facts, together with rational inferences from those facts, warranting an objective suspicion.
- The report shall include copies of any documentary or other evidence associated with the threat or perceived threat.
- d. District employees should <u>not</u> utilize the Los Angeles Schools Anonymous Reporting (LASAR) application to report a threat or perceived threat.

•• CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE §49390-49395 ••



When two or more employees are jointly alerted to a threat or perceived threat, when there is agreement among them, the required report to law enforcement may be made by any of them in a single report. An employee who has knowledge that the designated reporting employee has failed to make the single report shall thereafter make the report to law enforcement.

Note: A report in this case means a phone call to law enforcement; it is not in the form of a written document.

An investigation by law enforcement, including LASPD, is not a substitute for a multidisciplinary threat assessment team meeting.

BUL-5799.2 Four Stages of the Threat Assessment Process











- Baseline Behavior
- Fluidity
- Multidisciplinary Threat Assessment
 Team
- Pathway to Violence
- Person of Concern







- Target
- Threat of Serious Physical Violence
- Worrisome Behaviors



Establishing Common Language



Purpose of a threat assessment



Threat assessments aim to prevent possible school-based attacks and other forms of violence by:

- Identifying persons of concern who may be exhibiting the warning signs of violence to others
- Gathering information from multiple sources and analyzing it to determine appropriate intervention and preventing a possible attack
- Managing through interventions and safety planning

When to Conduct a Threat Assessment





A threat assessment should be conducted when there is a direct, clear, and plausible threat of serious violence toward self, another person, or district site.



A threat/risk assessment may be conducted if the totality of the circumstances warrants an assessment.

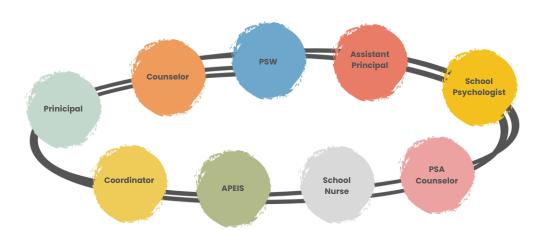
Question?

- A 3rd Grade student states to the front office staff: "Tomorrow I'm going to come to school to kill the principal with my tank." Is this a direct, clear, and plausible threat?
 - No. The threat is direct and clear, however lacks plausibility.



Who can conduct a threat assessment?







Locate person of concern & identified/potential targets and secure campus safety





Immediate Risk Reducing Interventions



Gather Information

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Interview relevant parties and utilize **TAM Supplemental Tool B1: Information Gathering Checklist** to get as much information as possible

- ★ Interview: Person of concern (B2), target and witnesses (B3), teacher/staff (B4), parent/caregiver (B5)
- Check Records: MiSiS (social adjustment report), Welligent, iSTAR
 - **Search the Student of Concer's Belongings**: backpack, social media, cubbies, home

	Los Angeles Unified School District DIVISION OF SCHOOL OPERATIONS INFORMATION GATHERING CHECKLIST	TAM SUPPLEMENTAL TOOL B1
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What am I looking for?







What am I looking for as I gather information?



COMMUNICATION OF INTENT TO HARM

- direct or indirect
- verbal or non-verbal
- written
- electronic
- RISK FACTORS, WARNING SIGNS, & WORRISOME BEHAVIORS
 - access to weapons
 - unsupervised internet access
 - lack of supervision
 - stressful life events/trauma history
 - difficulty managing emotions
 - · difficult time with rules and authority
- PEER AND SYSTEM DYNAMICS
 - victims of bullying
 - quality of peer relationships
 - sense of connectedness
 - · grievances against classmates
 - · parent-child relationship
 - history of disciplinary actions

Vice News

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Threat Assessment Team Meeting



Using a multi-disciplinary team analyze the information and determine risk level and plan.



Determine the Risk Level





- Low Risk indicates the person of concern is at little risk for school violence.
- Moderate Risk indicates the person of concern is at an elevated risk for school violence.
- High Risk indicates the person of concern is at high or imminent risk for violence, and immediate intervention is required to prevent an act of school violence from occurring.





HIGH RISK ACTIONS



- Always supervise the student, including in the restroom
- Reassure and provide support to the student
- Complete the Summary of Relevant Information
- Contact LASPD at 213.625.6631, for a Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) response if available OR PMRT 800.854.7771 for further assessment and possible transport to hospital
- If student is transported, conduct a Re-entry Meeting using the Re-entry Guidelines in the respective policy upon return

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Develop an Action Plan

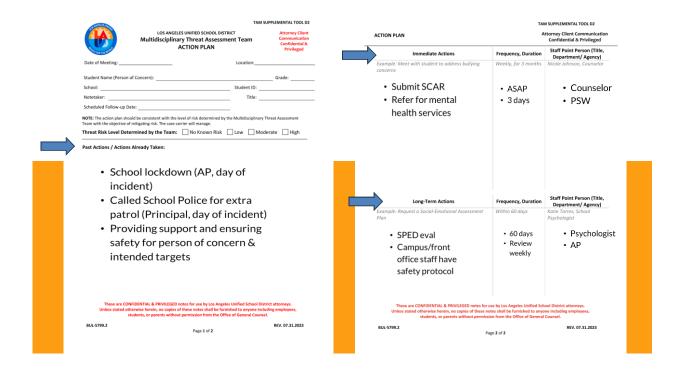




Action Plan – **Supplemental Tool D2** Multidisciplinary Threat Assessment Team Meeting Action Plan

Action Plans Include:

- Past actions taken
- Immediate actions
- Long-term actions
- 1. Consistent with level of risk., specific, completed and carried out.
- Managed by the school site administrator/designee
- 3. Identify the responsible parties for each action step identified.
- 4. Always engage the parents/guardians regardless of risk level.
 - 1. Notes taken during threat assessment are for use by OGC
 - Notes and documents are confidential and should be kept in confidential file
 apart from student cumulative records
 - 3. Do not provide copies to anyone unless you consult with OGC



Implement Action Plan

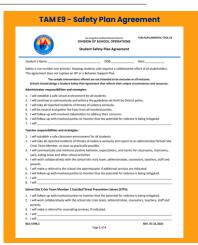




Action steps include Safety Planning, Reentry Meeting, Resources and Documentation. It may include referral to community mental health services, IBRP, SSPT, IEP re-evaluation, increased supervision, parent consent for searches, and other community resources.









Safety Planning

- A collaborative problem-solving approach
- Assess and address any potential barriers
- Review the developed safety plan with the parent/guardian
- Identify trusted adults for support at school and at home/community review Supplemental Tool RAF2 Trusted Adult Handout

Student Reentry Meeting



- Goal is to facilitate a successful transition back to school.
 - Mental health hospitalization, substance abuse inpatient treatment
 - Key support staff, parents, and student
 - Supplemental Tool RA E5 Student Reentry Guidelines checklist of action items to consider.
- Should have written permission (doctors note) by the health care provider to attend/return to school.
- If the person of concern and/or target transfers or matriculates to another school and an immediate threat to self or others remains, follow the guidelines in BUL-3927.3 *Mandated Reporting of Certain Student Behavior*.
- Provide parents/guardians necessary resources (e.g., food banks, homelessness, etc.) as well as appropriate handouts (Supplemental Tools RA F1-F4 and F5-F6).

Handouts



Provide parents/guardians and trusted adults the appropriate handouts to help support the student





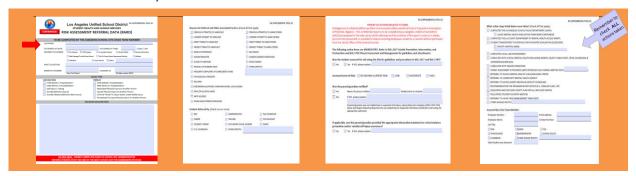


Document & Complete the



RARD ISTAR Keep action plan and all threat assessment documents in a secure, confidential folder separate from the cum record.

- Complete for all risk levels
- Whoever completed the assessment should complete the RARD
- Change the LOCATION to reflect the school location
- Submit RARD to the Administrator/designee within 24 hours or by the end of the next school day to be entered into iSTAR.



Additional LAUSD Support







