JICDD – THREAT ASSESSMENTS

The District has the authority to conduct a threat assessment for potentially dangerous student behaviors occurring on District property, connected locally or remotely to the District computer network, in a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, or off District property when such behavior has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event.

The safety of students, staff, the school and community is a District priority. Any student whose behavior, actions and/or communication may pose a threat either to that student or to others in the school or community, should be evaluated in accordance with the District’s threat assessment procedures, subject to the threat assessment team’s discretion.

The purpose of a threat assessment is to:

1. Gain an understanding of the elements of the threat/risk so that imminent and/or serious dangers can be identified;
2. Disable risk factors for violence; and
3. Respond, manage, and support the student of concern and/or others involved.

If at any time information suggests the need for law enforcement assistance, the District will promptly request such assistance.

Students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) may be subject to an assessment conducted under this Policy. The threat assessment shall be conducted in accordance with governing law, including the IDEA and/or Section 504.

As addressed in the District’s policy on student records and release of information, generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student’s education record. However, as indicated in policy and federal law, schools are permitted to disclose student records, including threat assessments, in certain circumstances without parental consent, including to appropriate officials if the disclosure is in connection with an emergency and knowledge of the information disclosed is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

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LEGAL REFS:
C.R.S. 22-1-123
C.R.S. 24-10-106.3
20 U.S.C. 1232g, Family Rights and Privacy Act
20 U.S.C. 1401 et seq., Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CROSS REFS:
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students