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Notice for Parent/Guardian

Student Threat Assessments

What is a threat?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. ➤ May be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet, texting, or made by a gesture. 	Duty to Report	<p>To keep the school communities safe;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff/parents/guardians/ Caregivers, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviors to the school principal.
What is the purpose of a threat assessment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others. ➤ To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat. ➤ To understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behavior. ➤ To be proactive in developing a safety and intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the person making the threat ➤ To promote the emotional and physical safety of everyone in the school building 	What behaviors warrant a student threat assessment to be initiated?	<p>A STUDENT THREAT ASSESSMENT WILL BE INITIATED FOR THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill a person or persons ➤ Verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (direct threats and/or threats with hidden intent) ➤ Online and/or cell phone text threats to harm/kill others ➤ Possession of weapons (including replicas) ➤ Bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)

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- Fire starting
- Sexual intimidation or assault
- Gang-related intimidation and violence

What Parents/Guardians and Students Need to Know:

- ☐ Any threat made against you or another person should be reported to the school principal.
- ☐ Investigations are conducted by trained school staff, including the Principal, Assistant Principal, and/or Dean of Students. A school psychologist, social worker, or counselor is also involved in the investigation. The investigation *may* involve the police or other community agencies working with your child.
- ☐ Investigations may involve locker and personal property searches.
- ☐ The Claire Davis School Safety Act (SB15-213) requires schools to exercise reasonable care to protect all students, faculty, and staff from “reasonably foreseeable” acts of violence that occur at school or at a school-sponsored activity.
- ☐ Authority to conduct a threat assessment is stated in APS board policy adopted in June 2018 (APS Code: ADD-R)
- ☐ It is important for all parties to engage in the threat assessment process. The threat assessment will continue (even with parent/guardian and/or child refusal to participate) to promote a safe and caring learning environment. Interviews will be held with the student who made the threat and with other students or adults who have information about it.
- ☐ Parents/guardians will be notified by school personnel the same day the investigation occurs.
- ☐ Threatening behavior may result in disciplinary action, including a recommendation for expulsion.
- ☐ A safety plan will be developed for the student who made the threat. The students who were threatened may have a support plan.