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School Threat Assessment Teams

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1. Establishment of Threat Assessment Teams. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.07, Threat Assessment Teams shall be established at each District school. Threat Assessment Team duties include the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students consistent with the policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools.
2. Composition. Threat Assessment Teams shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration and law enforcement.
3. Threat Determination. Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or others, the Threat Assessment Team shall immediately report its determination to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude District staff from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.
4. Access to Criminal History. Upon a preliminary determination by the Team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others, or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or need of assistance, the Team may obtain criminal history record information, as provided in Florida Statute 985.047. Members of the Threat Assessment Team may not disclose any criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made to the Team.
5. Mental Health or Substance Abuse Issues. If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis is suspected, school staff shall follow District guidelines to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.07(7)(d), behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make recommendations and refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to the Threat Assessment Team, which shall contact other agencies involved with the student and any known student providers to share information and coordinate any necessary follow up actions.
6. Reporting. Each Threat Assessment Team shall report quantitative data on its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from that office.

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7. Superintendent and Principals' Compliance. The Superintendent and school principals shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of this rule.
8. Procedures and Guidelines. Authority is delegated to the Superintendent to enact procedures and guidelines to implement this rule and the underlying statutory requirements.

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