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Salem-Keizer Threat Assessment System

The Salem-Keizer Student Threat Assessment System is a set of assessment protocols and safety planning procedures overseen and administered by a unique collaborative team comprised of schools, law enforcement, public mental health, the judiciary and juvenile corrections to promote safe school environments. The primary goal is to provide an immediate and systematic response to youth who pose a serious threat to commit violence to others. The process is a three-level system that includes the different perspectives of a school site-based multi-disciplinary team.

Goals

- Keep students who are at risk from committing violent acts in school.
- Help protect other students and staff members from potential violence.
- Provide a comprehensive, multidimensional tool for schools to assess students who may pose a threat.
- Provide a student-specific safety plan utilizing community resources to mitigate the threat of violence.
- Standardize the process for addressing students who pose a threat in schools that participate in student threat assessment.
- Involve parents in the threat assessment process.
- Document the program's effectiveness in dealing with students who make threats of violence, including student academic and behavioral success.
- Work in collaboration with community partners to coordinate resources for the safety and well being of youth, families and communities.

Objectives

- Assess threats of potentially harmful or lethal behavior and determine the level of concern and action required.
- Organize resources and strategies to manage situations involving students that pose threats to other students and/or staff.
- Maintain a sense of psychological safety among our students, teachers and parents
- Reduce the number of expulsions for students who can be maintained safely in the school environment.