

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Threat Assessment

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7 The District may establish a threat assessment team for students whose behavior may pose a risk
8 to the safety of the community, school, staff, students or self.

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10 Each team shall:

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- 12 1. Provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or
13 aberrant behavior that may represent a risk to the community, school, staff, students or
14 self;
 - 15 2. Include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and/or
16 law enforcement and other outside resources as necessary; and
 - 17 3. Identify members of the internal school community and external community, as
18 appropriate, who should be informed of behavior; and
 - 19 4. Utilize available forms and procedures for the assessment of and intervention with
20 students whose behavior poses a risk to the safety of the community, school, staff,
21 students or self, including response plans.
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23 All District employees, volunteers, and contractors are required to report any expressed risks or
24 behavior that may represent a risk to the community, school, or self. In cases determined to be
25 appropriate, teams shall follow established procedures for referrals to community services,
26 boards, or health care providers for evaluation or treatment when appropriate.

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28 Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a high or extreme risk of violence or
29 physical harm to self or others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its
30 determination to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall
31 immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian to secure consent prior to
32 their child's participation in the threat assessment. Nothing in this policy shall prevent a District
33 employee from acting immediately to address an imminent risk.

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35 The Superintendent may establish a committee charged with oversight of the threat assessment
36 teams. An existing committee may be designated to assume the oversight responsibility;
37 however, any such team may include individuals with expertise in community resources,
38 education, school administration, mental health, medical, and/or law enforcement.

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40 Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action and referral to law enforcement are
41 to occur as required by Board Policy and Montana law. The District may, in accordance with the
42 provisions in Policy 3600R, release student records or information in connection with an
43 emergency, without parental consent, if the knowledge of such information is necessary to
44 protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.

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1 Cross References:

- 2 Policy 2158 Parental and Family Engagement
3 Policy 3305 Seclusion and Restraint
4 Policy 3310 Student Discipline
5 Policy 3410 Student Health
6 Policy 3431 Emergency Treatment
7 Policy 3600R Student Records

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9 Legal References:

- 10 § 20-3-324(20), MCA Powers and Duties
11 § 40-6-701, MCA Parental Rights
12 37.111.825, ARM Health Supervision and Maintenance
13 20 U.S.C. 1232h(b) General Provisions Concerning Education

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15 Policy History

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