

Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Section A - Introduction

Threats and acts of targeted school violence harm the District's environment and school community, diminishing students' ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Providing students and staff with access to a safe and secure District environment is an important Board goal. While it is not possible for the District to completely eliminate threats in its environment, a Targeted School Violence Prevention Program (Program) using the collective efforts of local school officials, staff, students, families, and the community helps the District reduce these risks to its environment (105 ILCS 128/45).

Section B - Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement the Program. The Program oversees the maintenance of a District environment that is conducive to learning and working by identifying, assessing, classifying, responding to, and managing threats and acts of targeted school violence. The Program shall be part of the District's Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, required by Board Policy 4:170 - Safety and Security, and shall:

1. Establish a District-level School Violence Prevention Team to:
 - a. Develop a District-level Targeted School Violence Prevention Plan, and
 - b. Oversee the District's Building-level Threat Assessment Team(s).
2. Establish Building-level Threat Assessment Team(s) to assess and intervene with individuals whose behavior may pose a threat to safety. This team may serve one or more schools.
3. Require all District staff, volunteers, and contractors to report any expressed threats or behaviors that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.
4. Encourage parents/guardians and students to report any expressed threats or behaviors that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.
5. Comply with State and federal law and align with Board policies.

Section C - Limitations of the Program

The Program does not, among other things:

1. Replace the care of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed medical practitioner or professional trained in violence prevention, assessments, and counseling services,
2. Extend beyond available resources within the District,
3. Extend beyond the school day and/or school-sponsored events, or
4. Guarantee or ensure the safety of students, District staff, or visitors.

The Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act protects the District from liability.

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