

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. Nothing in this policy shall  
32 prevent a District employee from acting immediately to address an imminent risk.

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

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

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1 Cross References

2 Policy 3310 Student Discipline

3 Policy 3600R Student Records

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5 Policy History

6 Adopted on: April 11, 2022