

Violence Threat Risk Assessment

What is the purpose of Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- To help ensure the safety of students, staff and parents.
- To gather information related to situations or behaviours of concern; and to assess that information to determine a course of action.
- To develop an intervention plan, which addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker and others.

What behaviours initiate a Violence Threat Risk Assessment?

- Serious violence with the intent to kill or harm.
- Verbal or written threats to kill others, which are clear, direct and plausible; including web-based threats.
- Possession of weapons, including replicas.
- Sexual intimidation or assault.
- Bomb threats – making and/or detonating explosive devices.
- Fire setting.

A Violence Threat Risk Assessment may also be initiated because of the context of a particular situation; or student behaviour that has become worrisome, or has been seen to be escalating over time.

What is a Threat Assessment Team?

In the event that a threat assessment is necessary, the school principal, local police and a member of the Board's Special Education Department would meet as the initial step. Additional steps would involve other Board personnel, as well as representatives from community agencies as appropriate.

Duty to Report

In order to keep our school communities safe, the St. Clair Catholic District School expects anyone in a school community, having knowledge of high-risk student behaviour; or having reasonable grounds to believe there is a potential for high-risk or violent behaviour, to promptly report the information to the school principal.

For more information

Contact your school principal.