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Policy: 3225
Section: 3000 - Students

School-Based Threat Assessment

The Board is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff. This policy endorses a school-based threat assessment program to provide for timely and methodical school-based threat assessment and management.

Threat assessment best occurs in healthy school climates. Student behavior, rather than a student's demographic or personal characteristics, should serve as the basis for a school-based threat assessment.

The threat assessment process is distinct from student discipline procedures. The mere fact that the district is conducting a threat assessment does not by itself necessitate discipline, including suspension or expulsion. However, nothing in this policy precludes district personnel from acting immediately to address an imminent threat, including imposing an emergency removal (expulsion), if the district has sufficient cause to believe that the student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to other students or school personnel or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process.

Structure of Threat Assessment Teams

The superintendent shall support the training of a threat assessment team to serve district schools.

Data Collection, Review and Reporting

The superintendent shall establish procedures for collecting and submitting data related to the school-based threat assessment program that comply with OSPI's monitoring requirements, processes, and guidelines.

Cross References:	2121 - Substance Abuse Program
	2145 - Suicide Prevention
	2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	3143 - Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm
	3231 - Student Records
	3241 - Student Discipline
	3432 - Emergencies
	4210 - Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises

4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other
Government Agencies

Legal References: CFR 34, Part 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Regulations
Chapter 28A.320 RCW
Chapter 28A.300 RCW

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