Threat Assessment Procedures

Pursuant to the Virginia Code § 22.1-79.4, Prince William County School Board has developed threat assessment procedures consistent with the model provided by the Virginia Center for School Safety.

In fulfilling statutory responsibilities:

I. A formal threat assessment team shall be established for each school for the assessment of and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students.

A. Each team shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration, and law enforcement.

B. Each team shall:

1. Provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self;

2. Identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported; and

3. Implement School Board policies for the assessment of an intervention with students whose behavior poses a threat to the safety of school staff or students.

C. All School Division employees, volunteers, and contractors are required to report any expressed threats or behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self.

D. Regardless of threat assessment activities, disciplinary action, and referral to law enforcement are to occur as required by School Board Policy and the Virginia Code.

E. Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to self or others, a threat assessment team shall immediately report its determination to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student’s parent or legal
guardian. Nothing in this policy shall preclude School Division personnel from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

F. Each threat assessment team established pursuant to Virginia Code § 22.1-79.4, shall report quantitative data on its activities according to guidance developed by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this policy in 2017.

Legal Reference:

Virginia Code § 22.1-79.4

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